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Baseball's Back

SUSAN WALSH/AP

HOME RUN: Mayor Anthony Williams celebrates after announcing the Expos are coming to the District.

33-year wait is over as D.C. wins bid for Expos franchise

WASHINGTON | It was more pep rally than news conference, with the mayor and city officials wearing red Washington Senators caps, the ones with the curly "W" on the front.

"After 30 years of waiting and waiting and waiting," said Mayor Anthony Williams, adding dramatic pauses for emphasis, "and lots of hard work and more than a few prayers, there will be baseball in Washington in 2005!"

Baseball returned to the nation's capital for the first time in 33 years Wednesday, with an announcement from Major League Baseball that the Montreal Expos will move to Washington next season.

Word of the move came one day before the anniversary of the Senators' final game. The team moved to Texas after the 1971 season.

Tavares

"It's a day when the sun is setting in Montreal, but it's rising in Washington," Expos president Tony Tavares told a news conference in Montreal.

Relocation of the Expos is subject to certain contingencies, including a vote by team owners in November and passage of legislation by the D.C. Council to build a ballpark on the Anacostia River waterfront.

A crucial hurdle was cleared this week when baseball reached an understanding with Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who had objected to having a team move just 40 miles away. Terms of the deal are still in flux.

The team will play for three seasons at RFK Stadium while a new ballpark is built. The first home game will be April 15 against the Arizona Diamondbacks, according to a draft 2005 schedule. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

✤ **On base:** Details on and reaction to Major League Baseball's long-awaited return to D.C. | **Page 12**

Now, the Name Game Begins

WASHINGTON | The wait for a baseball team is over. The debate over the name begins.

With the Montreal Expos headed to the nation's capital, ideas for a suitable nickname for a baseball team at the seat of government are already a hot topic, ranging from the majestic — Washington Monuments — to the silly — Washington Leakers.

Of course, Washington Senators will be the sentimental favorite. The original Senators played in Washington from 1901-60 before moving to Minnesota to become the Twins, and the expansion Senators were in town from 1961-71 before moving to Texas to become the Rangers.

The Rangers, however, retained the rights to the "Washington Senators" name, so a deal would have to be struck to buy it back. Rangers spokesman Gregg Elkin said the team would "be happy to discuss" such a move.

Mayor Anthony Williams offered his own solution Wednesday, suggesting the team be called the Washington Grays — a tribute to the Homestead Grays, a Negro League team that won nine championships playing in Washington in the 1930s and 1940s. (AP)

COOKING | **Lead: It's What's For Dinner** A Bluewell, W.Va., family engaged in a gun battle Sunday after a father and son clashed over how to prepare skinless chicken for dinner. Det.-Sgt. A.D. Beasley of the Mercer County Sheriff's Department said Monday that each man fired a .22-caliber handgun at the other. Son Harley Shrader was struck by a bullet that went through the upper part of his right ear and lodged in the back of his head. Both men were charged with wanton endangerment. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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KOJI SASAHARA/AP

REPLACEMENTS

Shoulder to Lie On

"Boyfriend's Arm Pillow," manufactured by linen maker Kameo Corp., consists of a headless torso and a stuffed arm that curls around the sleeper. The pillow — used here by radio DJ Junko Suzuki in Tokyo on Friday — might make some people uneasy, but about 1,000 have sold in Japan since the product went on the market last December. The maker says the pillow is an emotional comfort and keeps the body balanced. (AP)

HYBRIDS

Fly the Friendly Road

Mexico-based Vaca Meter Limousines has converted a Boeing 727-100 into a 50-seat luxury limousine, Agence France Presse reported. Limousines de Guadalajar Vaca Meters charges passengers about $300 an hour to use the jet limo, which is about 54 feet long and 12 feet wide. A six-cylinder, turbocharged diesel engine in the back powers the vehicle, and it sports air brakes, truck-style wheels and suspension instead of landing gear. On the inside, passengers are treated to neon strobes, a dance floor, a bar and a romantic space in the back for, uh, romance. (EXPRESS)

RENTALS

Why Marry? Lease.

Whether it's babysitting or any other chore around the house, rent-a-husband Petteri Ikonen of Helsinki says he's your man. Mostly "lonely women" hire Ikonen, 42, a warehouse worker who set up his husband-rental business a year ago, he told Reuters. "I've given driving lessons, I've sung a birthday serenade, all sorts of things," he said. He charges $24.60 for the first hour, and said changing lightbulbs and hanging pictures are his usual tasks. (EXPRESS)

COMEBACKS

Turn the Channel Off

According to self-professed psychic medium Jenifer Whisper of San Diego, Walt Disney is making an afterlife comeback and has a new creation, "Buddha Mouse," Mickey's grandnephew, shared with the world now to help it during a "terrible war." Whisper said she learned this while channeling Disney after he died in 1966: "I took a nap, then, whew! I woke up and it came to me," she told Copley News Service. (EXPRESS)

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GUMSHOE: Police are investigating the case of a man who wore an "FBI Anti-Terrorism" jacket to a Rochester airport last week and asked about security. Airport staff were instantly suspicious of the man, who wore flip-flops and lacked identification. (AP)

Nation

In Brief

SEATTLE, WASH.

Scientists Predict Small Eruption at Mount St. Helens

Mount St. Helens began rumbling more intensely Wednesday, prompting scientists to warn that a small or moderate eruption could happen in the next few days. Earthquakes ranging from magnitude 2 to 2.5 were coming about four times a minute, possibly weakening the lava dome in the crater of the mountain, the U.S. Geological Survey said. (AP)

LAKE WALES, FLA.

Bush Surveys Storm Damage

President Bush toured part of hurricane-battered Florida Wednesday and pressed Congress to approve his latest request for emergency federal aid for storm victims, this time for more than $7 billion. Bush surveyed a farm owned by Marty and Pat McKenna, who have seen almost half their citrus crop wiped out. GOP Rep. Adam Putnam, the area's congressman, said at least 40 percent of the state's citrus crop had been lost in the storms. (AP)

DENVER

Judge Clears Way for Release of Bryant Evidence

A judge cleared the way for the release of documents and other evidence in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case on Wednesday. The judge made the move as he formally accepted the withdrawal of the NBA star's request to seal all the court filings. There was no word on when material would be released. (AP)

Rocket Races Toward Prize

Private craft makes bumpy but successful flight to edge of space

MOJAVE, CALIF. | Ignoring a warning to abort the flight, a test pilot took a stubby-looking rocket plane on a corkscrewing ride past the edge of the atmosphere Wednesday, completing the first stage of a quest to win a $10 million prize.

As spectators and controllers nervously watched from the ground, SpaceShipOne rolled dozens of times as it hurtled toward space at nearly three times the speed of sound. It reached an altitude of 64 miles over the Mojave Desert.

Spaceship designer Burt Rutan said he asked pilot Michael Melvill to shut down the engine, but Melvill kept going until he reached the altitude specified under the rules for the Ansari X Prize, a bounty offered to the first privately built, manned rocket ship to fly in space twice in a span of two weeks.

LAURA RAUCH/AP

VICTORY LAP: Astronaut Mike Melvill celebrates on SpaceShipOne in Mojave, Calif., on Wednesday after piloting the private craft out of earth's atmosphere.

The problem was being analyzed by the spacecraft's builders, who must decide whether to proceed with another flight Monday in order to win the X Prize.

The Ansari X Prize will go to the first craft to safely complete two flights to an altitude of 328,000 feet or 62 miles — considered to be the point where the Earth's atmosphere ends and space begins — in a 14-day span. JOHN ANTCZAK (AP)

Portion of Patriot Act Blocked

Judge strikes down secret records searches as unconstitutional

NEW YORK | Declaring that personal security is as important as national security, a judge Wednesday blocked the government from conducting secret, unchallengeable searches of Internet and telephone records as part of its fight against terrorism.

Federal Judge Victor Marrero struck down a provision of the Patriot Act that authorizes the FBI to force Internet service providers and phone companies to turn over certain customer records. The companies are then barred from ever disclosing the search took place.

In his ruling, the judge called national security of "paramount value" and said the government "must be empowered to respond promptly and effectively" to threats. But he called personal security equal in importance.

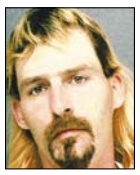
Marrero said his ruling blocks the government from issuing the requests or from enforcing the nondisclosure provision "in this or any other case." But the ruling will not immediately take effect to allow for an appeal. LARRY NEUMEISTER (AP)

Legal views: Judge says FBI can't demand Internet records without judicial oversight | **Today's Post, A Section**

Court Overturns Deadbeat Dad Ruling

COLUMBUS, OHIO | The Ohio Supreme Court on Wednesday overturned a judge's order that a man avoid having more children while on probation for failing to pay child support.

The court ruled 5-2 in favor of Sean Talty, saying his sentence was too broad because it did not include a method for lifting the ban if Talty caught up with his child-support payments.



Talty

Talty, 32, has seven children by five women. The sentence required him to make "reasonable" efforts to avoid conception during his five-year probation after being convicted of not supporting three of the children.

Talty pleaded no contest in 2002 to failing to pay $38,000 in child support for three of his children with his former wife and another woman.

Since then, he has paid the court-ordered $150 weekly in back child support and avoided fathering more children, his attorney, J. Dean Carro, has said. (AP)

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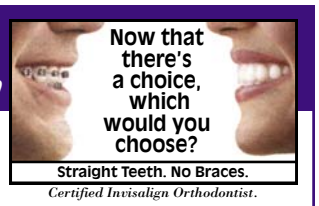

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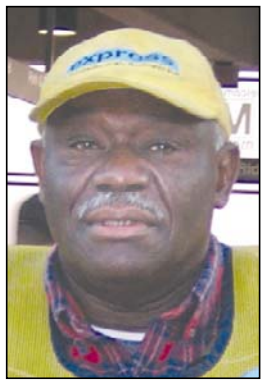

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Nation

FIRST DOG: Barney, President Bush's beloved Scottish Terrier, will celebrate his fourth birthday on Thursday. Barney appears in three "films" on the White House Web site, including "Barney Cam II: Barney Reloaded."

Candidates Set to Face Off

Bush, Kerry aim for different sets of goals during their first debate

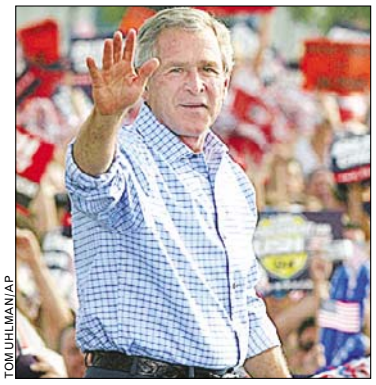
CORAL GABLES, FLA. | Two candidates, two very different tasks for the first presidential debate.

Democrat John Kerry has to convince voters they should throw President Bush out of office for his actions in Iraq and at home, all the while looking and acting like a solid commander in chief himself. Bush, in office and in the lead, needs a no-mistakes performance that won't rock the election boat.

Both have been practicing for days in preparation for Thursday night's debate at the University of Miami.

Kerry needs to make people envision him as president, said Alan Schroeder, a presidential debate expert at Northeastern University. "He has to seem to that viewing audience that he's ready to move into the White House tomorrow and take care of the country."

Despite his lead in opinion polls, it would be risky for Bush to "sit on his hands," said University of Missouri communications professor William Benoit. Bush needs to show voters who have doubts about the direction the country is heading that things are getting better.



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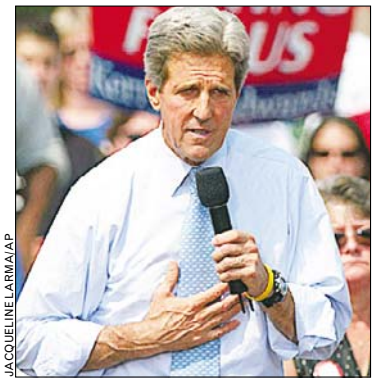


JACQUELINE LARMA/AP

President Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry have been prepping unique strategies for Thursday night's debate.

Kerry may try to knock Bush off stride, but the president is famous for staying on message. The rules of the debate prohibit the candidates from questioning each other, but Kerry could toss out rhetorical questions and hope a moderator steers them to Bush. NEDRA PICKLER (AP)

Networks Plan to Ignore Debate Rules

NEW YORK | With the first presidential debate Thursday, television networks plan to ignore an attempt by the Bush and Kerry campaigns to stage-manage the event by dictating which camera shots they can or cannot use.

The networks object to a provision in the debate agreement between the two candidates that says they cannot show a reaction shot of Democrat John Kerry when President Bush is speaking, or vice versa.

Networks are also reluctant to agree to rules that restrict what kind of camera shots they can offer of the audience during the debates.

As part of a pool for all the networks, Fox News Channel is operating the cameras at Thursday's debate, scheduled for the University of Miami campus.

"We're providing all the networks' coverage and we're not going to follow directions from outside sources," said Paul Schur, Fox News Channel spokesman. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: The document spelling out the rules for the debates between President Bush and John Kerry leave no detail to chance. The lecterns must be set 10 feet apart and equally canted toward center stage, measuring 50 inches tall from the audience's view and 48 inches tall to the writing surface on the candidates' side. No risers or stools permitted. (AP)

ELECTION 2004

THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

President Bush and Sen. John Kerry engage in the first of their three debates on Thursday night. Iraq and homeland security are among the topics that may figure prominently.

DEBATE FOCUS: Foreign affairs and homeland security.
SITE: University of Miami.
TIME: 9 p.m.; will run 90 minutes.
MEDIA COVERAGE: Major TV networks, cable news, public radio.
MODERATOR: Jim Lehrer, anchor of "The NewsHour" on PBS.
NEXT DEBATE: Oct. 8 at Washington University in St. Louis.

Iraq

➜ **BUSH:** Says his administration was right to pursue the congressionally authorized war with Iraq, saying ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had the capability and intent to produce weapons of mass destruction that were a threat to America's security.

➜ **KERRY:** Voted to give Bush the authority to wage war in Iraq but opposed a later request for an additional $87 billion in funds for Iraq and Afghanistan. Has contended that Bush misled the nation about the nature of the threat in Iraq.

Homeland Security

➜ **BUSH:** Pushed for the creation of the Department of Homeland Security and has tripled federal funding for government-wide homeland security efforts. Signed an executive order creating the framework for a new national intelligence director, as proposed by the 9/11 commission.

➜ **KERRY:** Voted in favor of the bill that established the Department of Homeland Security and wants borders strengthened against future attacks. Has said the immediate implementation of the 9/11 commission's anti-terrorism blueprint would be a top priority if he is elected.

Debate details: More on what to expect when the candidates meet for the first time | **Today's Post, A Section**

In action: Live video and a running transcript of Thursday night's debate | **washingtonpost.com/politics**

FRONTIERS: Billed as "a giant leap for television, a small step in high heels," France's first TV channel for gay, lesbian and transgendered audiences will launch Oct. 25. PinkTV will be available on cable and satellite for $11 a month. (AP)

World

In Brief

AUSTRIA

Bishop Implicated in Porn Scandal Reportedly Resigns

A Roman Catholic bishop blamed for a seminary porn scandal that has rocked Austria's church and prompted thousands of believers to leave has resigned, Austrian media reported Wednesday. Bishop Kurt Krenn, who had overall responsibility for the seminary where authorities found up to 40,000 lurid images on computers — including child pornography — sent a letter to Pope John Paul II saying he was stepping down, Austrian state radio said. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

Southeast Asian Nations Pick Candidate for U.N. Chief

Southeast Asian nations have unanimously endorsed Thailand's Harvard-educated foreign minister as their candidate to be the next U.N. secretary-general, the Philippines' U.N. ambassador said Wednesday. Kofi Annan's second five-year term ends Dec. 31, 2006 and it is Asia's turn to select his successor. Thai Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai, 43, is the first Asian candidate but others are expected from the 56-nation Asian group. (AP)

HUNGARY

Parliament Elects Wealthy Businessman as New P.M.

Parliament on Wednesday elected one of Hungary's wealthiest businessmen as prime minister, ending two months of political uncertainty. Ferenc Gyurcsany was chosen by a vote of 197-12, succeeding Peter Medgyessy, who was forced out in August midway through his four-year term in a confrontation with the Socialist-led governing coalition. (AP)

SAUDI ARABIA

Camera-Equipped Phones Banned by Religious Edict

Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority has issued an edict barring the use of cell phones with built-in cameras, blaming them for "spreading obscenity" — a final resort after a ban on their sale and import failed to dent their popularity. The phones have raised concerns about privacy in places where people undress, as well as corporate espionage. (AP)

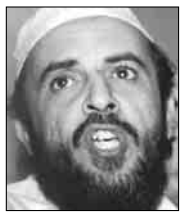
Guilty Verdicts in Cole Trial

Yemeni judge orders execution of pair for role in attack on ship

SAN'A, YEMEN | A Saudi suspected of being an associate of Osama bin Laden and a Yemeni militant were sentenced to death Wednesday for the bombing of the USS Cole four years ago, the first convictions in the al Qaeda terror attack that killed 17 American sailors.

The judge ordered four other Yemenis jailed for five to 10 years.

With army snipers on nearby rooftops and armored vehicles and soldiers surrounding the courthouse, Judge Najib al-Qaderi handed down guilty verdicts in the often-delayed trial.



al-Badawi

al-Nashiri

He ordered Jamal al-Badawi, a 35-year-old Yemeni, and Saudi-born Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody at an undisclosed location, executed for plotting the attack by two suicide bombers who blew up an explosives-laden boat next to the Cole as it refueled in the port of Aden on Oct. 12, 2000.

Al-Nashiri, who is believed to have masterminded the Cole attack and also thought to have directed the 1998 bombings at the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, was the only defendant not present during the trial.

U.S. officials have not said whether they will hand Al-Nashiri over to Yemeni authorities.

The United States announced al-Nashiri's arrest in 2002. He was detained in the United Arab Emirates and transferred to American custody. AHMED AL-HAJ (AP)

LEBANON | GRIEF IN FULL FLOWER

ADNAN HAJJ ALI/AP

PROCESSION: Mourners pour rice and rose petals over the body of Ismail Mohammed al-Khatib, the alleged leader of al Qaeda in Lebanon, during a street procession in Majdal Anjar on Wednesday. Al-Khatib died of a heart attack in a hospital Monday. He was one of two top al Qaeda operatives captured by Lebanese authorities earlier this month.

Questions About Ransom Swirl in Italy

ROME | Italians celebrated the freedom Wednesday of two women aid workers held captive in Iraq for three weeks, but the nationwide joy was diluted by questions about whether a ransom was paid, a capitulation to terrorists that experts say only leads to more hostage-taking.

Italy's foreign minister denied that Rome had bought the women's freedom. Premier Silvio Berlusconi declined to issue a flat yes or no. The head of parliament's foreign affairs committee said he believed the government had paid $1 million.

"In principle, one should not give in to ransoms. But this time, they had to," said Gustavo Selva, a Berlusconi political ally. "The lives of two girls was the most important thing."

Simona Torretta and Simona Pari, 29-year-old aid workers, were kidnapped Sept. 7 in a daring raid on their office in Baghdad. They were released on Tuesday. ALESSANDRA RIZZO (AP)

Hostage in Iraq Pleads For Help

New videotape shows Briton begging Blair to secure his release

BAGHDAD | A weeping British hostage was shown pleading for help between the bars of a makeshift cage in a video that surfaced Wednesday, a sobering reminder of the grim reality for at least 18 foreign captives still held by Iraqi militants.

The new footage, first broadcast on the Arab network Al-Jazeera and then posted on the Internet, showed Kenneth Bigley begging British Prime Minister Tony Blair to meet his captors' demands.

"Tony Blair, I am begging you for my life," the 62-year-old Bigley said between sobs. "Have some compassion. Only you can help me now."

He accused Blair of lying about efforts to secure his release, saying no negotiations were taking place.

It was the second tape in a week to surface showing Bigley appealing for help. Iraq's most feared terror group, Tawhid and Jihad, beheaded two American hostages seized with Bigley and warned he will be the next to die unless Iraqi women prisoners are freed. ALEXANDRA ZAVIS (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

➜ **Hundreds of thousands of Shiite Muslims** converged on Karbala Wednesday to celebrate the birthday of Imam Mahdi, their 12th and last saint, who they believe went missing in northern Iraq centuries ago. Police fired in the air to disperse a demonstration by followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, but there were no reports of casualties, witnesses said.

➜ **Four U.S. soldiers** on a patrol were wounded Wednesday by an improvised explosive set by insurgents in Riyadh, northwest of Baghdad, the U.S. command said. The wounded were evacuated for medical treatment and reported in stable condition, a statement said. (AP)

World

PET PROJECT: Starting Friday, residents of the European Union who want to take their cat, dog or ferret to another EU nation will need special pet passports. The wallet-sized passport will be used to verify rabies vaccination; photos are optional. (AP)

Rocket Strike From Hamas

Israel responds with helicopter attack in Gaza

SDEROT, ISRAEL | A Palestinian rocket slammed into a street in this southern Israeli town Wednesday, killing two preschool children who were playing in a yard.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon phoned Sderot Mayor Eli Moyal and told him that "Israel will respond" to the attack, an official said.

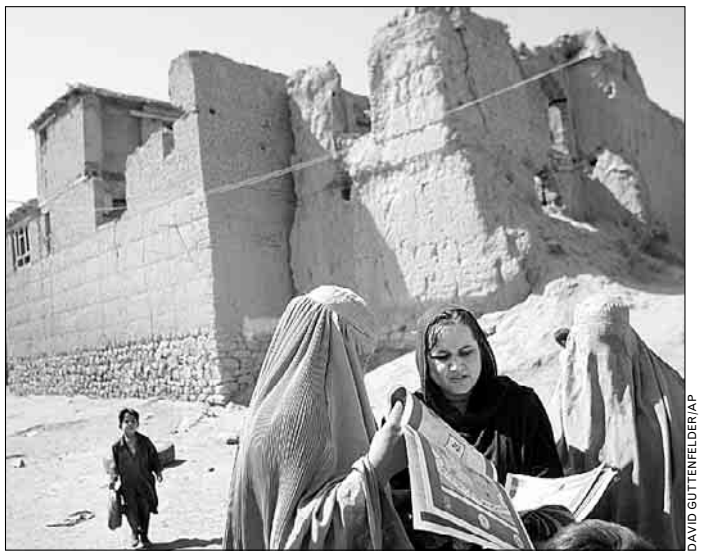
Shortly afterward, Israel stepped up operations in the northern Gaza Strip, sending tanks into the outskirts of the sprawling Jebaliya refugee camp, and launching a helicopter strike at facilities in Gaza City linked to Hamas, the group which claimed responsibility for the Sderot attack.

Two armed Palestinians died fighting the advancing Israelis in Jebaliya, medics said. Earlier Wednesday, helicopter-fired rockets killed an Islamic Jihad activist, hospital officials said.

The army said the men were preparing to fire another rocket.

The Sderot attack came in defiance of a major Israeli raid into the nearby Gaza Strip aimed at rooting out militants behind recent rocket attacks. Since the offensive began late Tuesday, six Palestinians have been killed in northern Gaza and around 50 wounded, Palestinian hospital staff said. PETER ENAV (AP)

AFGHANISTAN | ELECTORAL 'COLLEGE'



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FINAL PUSH: A worker from the U.N. Development Program, second from right, teaches two women in traditional burqas how to vote in the village of Guldara on Wednesday. Afghanistan will hold its first direct presidential vote on Oct. 9, a crucial step in its troubled transition to democracy.

Rebel Leader in Nigeria Cools Rhetoric Over Oil

Fighter claims to have reached tentative deal with Pres. Obasanjo

ABUJA, NIGERIA | The leader of militia fighters threatening to widen a battle for control of Nigeria's oil-rich south said Wednesday he agreed to a tentative deal with President Olusegun Obasanjo to end fighting that has riled global oil markets.

Moujahid Dokubo-Asari, who heads the Niger Delta People's Volunteer Force, told the AP that the president gave "an express understanding that no troops will attack our people. And as along as they don't attack, we won't attack."

Dokubo-Asari, who claims direct control of 2,000 ethnic Ijaw fighters and the loyalty of thousands more, threatened Tuesday to widen his campaign to control of the southern Niger Delta region and warned his forces would target foreign oil firms and workers starting Friday.

The threats helped send crude-oil prices to historic highs — over $50 per barrel — on Tuesday. (AP)

JAPAN | WIND-WHIPPED

KOICHI HARADA/ASAHI SHIMBUN/AP

ANCHOR: A woman hangs on to a tree as she faces strong wind and rain in Kita-Kyushu, southern Japan, on Wednesday. A powerful storm battered the area, killing at least five people.

New Batch of N. Korean Refugees Reaches China

44 scale fence at Canadian embassy in Beijing

BEIJING | A group of 44 men, women and children used ladders to scramble over a fence around the Canadian Embassy on Wednesday in what appeared to be the most recent bid for asylum by North Koreans.

In Ottawa, Canadian Foreign Affairs spokeswoman Kimberley Phillips said a majority of the intruders were North Korean. A South Korean news report said all 44 were North Koreans.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans fleeing home live in hiding in China's northeast. Hundreds have been allowed to leave for South Korea after seeking refuge in embassies.

The refugees are an embarrassing reminder of the dismal conditions in North Korea, whose isolated dictatorship is officially Beijing's ally. China is obligated by treaty to send home those who flee, but hasn't done so in cases that become public.

Earlier this month, 29 people claiming to be North Korean forced their way through a fence into a Japanese school in Beijing. (AP)

Kyrgyz Police Nab Man Who Tried To Sell Plutonium

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN | A man was arrested for trying to sell plutonium in an undercover investigation, the Kyrgyz security agency said Tuesday.

National Security Service agents posing as buyers arrested the man on Sept. 21 after confirming that he was in possession of plutonium-239, spokeswoman Chinara Asanova said. The suspect was not identified.

Asanova did not say how much of the radioactive material — which can be used in atomic weapons and as a reactor fuel — was confiscated. But she said it was held in 60 small containers.

Kyrgyzstan has inherited radioactive waste sites from the Soviet nuclear industry that contain 6,002,824 cubic feet of radioactive uranium waste. (AP)

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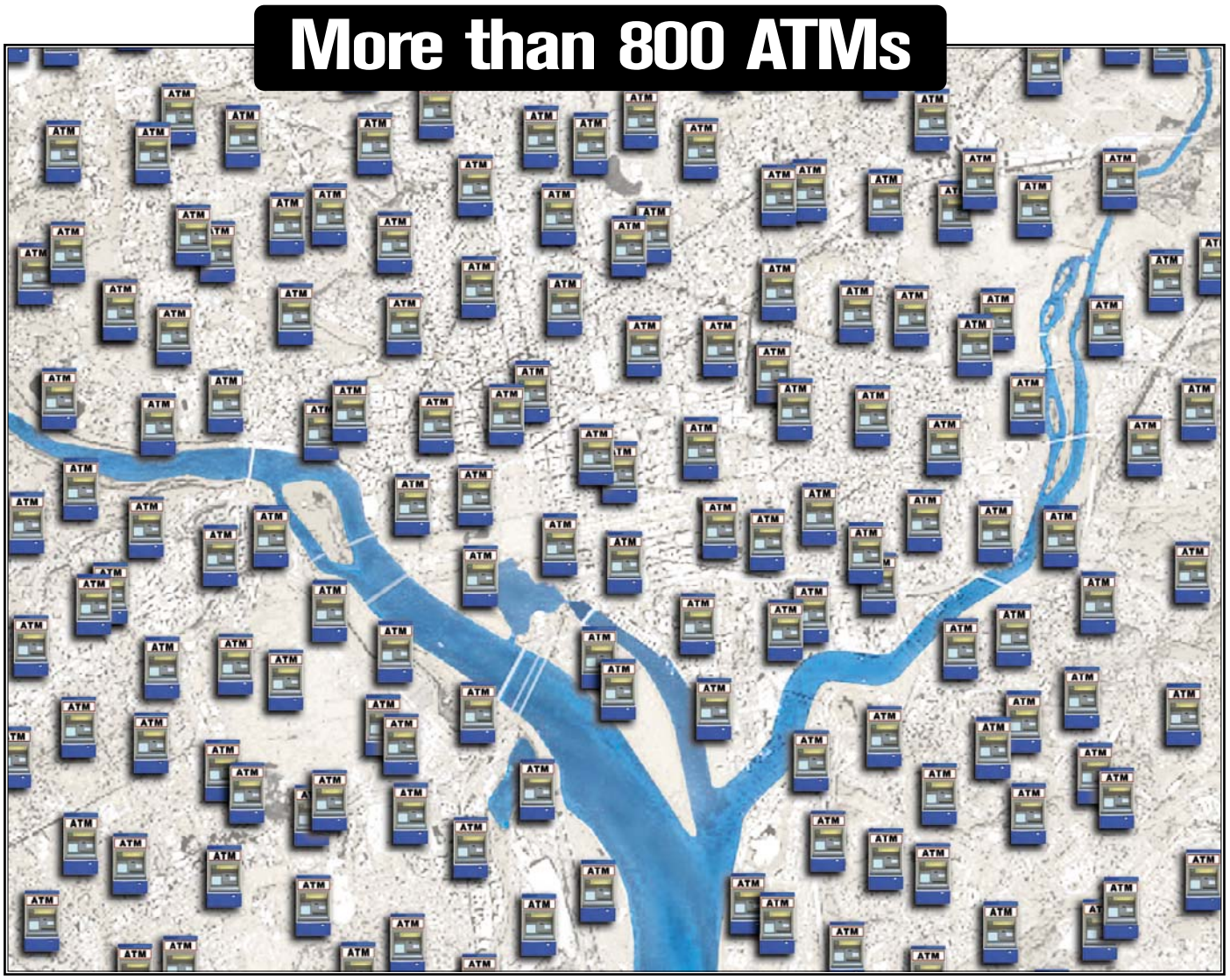

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Local

House Passes Gun Ban Repeal

Norton calls measure a 'low down, dirty, mean thing' for D.C.

WASHINGTON | A bill that would repeal most local gun laws in the nation's capital passed the House Wednesday over the objections of city officials, including the mayor and police chief.

"The District of Columbia handgun ban has failed," said Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., sponsor of the bill, which passed 250-171.

It is unlikely the Senate will take up the measure this year.

The District's non-voting delegate to the House, Eleanor Holmes Norton, said she's seen members of Congress try to do some "low down, dirty, mean things" to the city's residents, but attempting "to repeal the city's gun safety laws ... scrapes the bottom of the lowest level yet."

The bill would repeal D.C.'s ban on semiautomatic weapons, allow guns and ammunition to be kept in homes and businesses, and do away with the requirement that firearms be registered.

Norton

Supporters of the repeal say the current laws violate Second Amendment rights to bear arms. Also at issue was whether the bill infringed upon the District's authority to decide on matters that affect its citizens.

Opponents noted the city remains under a Code Orange terror alert, with checkpoints around the Capitol and street closures. "This really makes a mockery of this whole homeland security apparatus," said Mayor Anthony A. Williams. (AP)

Md. Man Indicted for Possessing Ricin

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | A man in prison for extorting a business competitor was indicted Wednesday on federal charges of possessing ricin and nicotine sulfate, both possible biological weapons.

Ricin, a poison, and nicotine sulfate, a pesticide, were found by FBI agents who searched Myron Tereshchuk's home during the extortion investigation March 10.

Tereshchuk, 42, of Hyattsville, was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges that include possession of weapons-grade, unregistered toxins, an offense that carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Tereshchuk pleaded guilty in June to extortion for attempting to force MicroPatent, an East Haven, Conn., trademark information company, to pay him $17 million. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Sept. 29

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	0-0-4
Evening Lucky Numbers	4-1-8
Mid-day DC 4	0-9-5-7
Evening DC 4	2-9-9-4
Quick Cash	1-11-15-36-23-18
Hot Five	27-17-22-6-11

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	7-5-8
Evening Pick 3	4-0-3
Mid-day Pick 4	9-8-3-9
Evening Pick 4	9-3-7-3
Match 5	16-19-25-26-36 Bonus: 28

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-7-7
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	0-5-2
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-4-2-3
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	3-1-8-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	12-16-23-27-33
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	1-3-18-19-29

MULTI-STATE GAMES

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Mega Ball	35

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Local

Local Leaders Address Gang Problem at Summit

Davis says a 'unified strategy' is needed to fight growing concern

ARLINGTON, VA. | Nearly two years ago the Washington region worked together to solve a deadly string of sniper shootings. Local leaders hope to use the same spirit to catch gang members and keep students from joining gangs.

"These gangs don't know any jurisdictional boundaries. They don't know any school boundaries," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va. "It's a complex problem growing by the day. We need a united strategy."

Davis was among the lawmakers, police officers and social workers from around the region who met for a gang summit Wednesday to devise such a strategy.

Police chiefs from Virginia, Maryland and the District have met occasionally since the 2001 terrorist attacks. They say they could use a better system to share gang information and coordinate enforcement efforts.

Davis

Another focus was prevention. Every politician expressed concern about parents working two jobs and not being home to supervise adolescents who are turning to gangs.

Local officials will share their findings and discuss strategies with the U.S. Justice Department on Thursday. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

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Clinical trials are vitally important. That's why, on October 1st, Bristol-Myers Squibb and our partners in the cancer community are coming together to take that message out on the road. It's the Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope™, an incredible week-long ride across America to raise awareness about cancer and the importance of clinical trials. The team of 20 riders is comprised of survivors such as Michael Siegel, caregivers, advocates, healers and researchers who will ride from Los Angeles to Washington, DC—joined by cancer survivor and six-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, in cities along the way.

Clinical trials— the pathway to new medicines

There are currently hundreds of new cancer treatments waiting to be studied. Sadly, many people are unaware that clinical trials are an option. Patient participation is vital because medications in development may save lives today and offer hope for the future.

Now that you know the importance of clinical trials in the fight against cancer, what can you do? The "Promise" is a personal commitment to learn more about this life-threatening disease. By making the Promise, you can honor those who have been touched by cancer and show your support for the importance of cancer research. Following their journey across America, Lance Armstrong and the Tour of Hope Team will deliver your pledge in Washington, DC on October 9th. Make the Promise; follow the tour at *www.tourofhope.org*.

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Money

Orbitz Shares Soar After Cendant Deal

CHICAGO | Orbitz Inc.'s shares surged nearly 31 percent Wednesday on news that Cendant Corp., the owner of the CheapTickets, Days Inn, Avis and Budget brands, had agreed to pay $1.25 billion to acquire the third-largest online travel agency.

Under the terms of the agreement, Cendant will pay $27.50 in cash for each share of Orbitz stock. Both companies' boards have agreed to the transaction, but it is still subject to regulatory approval.

New York-based Cendant said it intends to maintain CheapTickets, its own, lower-profile online travel agency, and Orbitz as differentiated consumer brands, but the two will combine their technology platforms. Cendant also operates Galileo, an airline and hotel reservation service used by travel agents.

Shares of Orbitz closed up $6.40, or 30.8 percent, at $27.17 Wednesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Shares of Cendant finished down 9 cents at $21.93 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Orbitz debuted in February 2000 with airline investors American, Continental, Delta, Northwest and United. It became a publicly traded company last December.

It has grown rapidly, benefiting from growth in online bookings, and now ranks No. 3 in revenue behind competitor Web sites Expedia Inc. and Travelocity.

HERBERT G. MCGANN (AP)

BUREAU OF PRISONS

BEFORE? A typical cell at the minimum-security women's prison at Alderson.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NL Ind s	19.47	+2.31	+13.5
Vitro	3.02	+.33	+12.3
Alpharma	18.94	+1.54	+8.9
AmWest	5.45	+.44	+8.8
UtdRentl	15.40	+1.10	+7.7

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Pediatrx	58.01	-11.27	-16.3
CentPrkg	14.11	-2.22	-13.6
TerraNitro	21.29	-3.21	-13.1
IntegES	4.71	-.44	-8.5
CmpTsk	3.14	-.20	-6.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LynxTh	2.51	+.60	+31.4
Orbitz n	27.17	+6.40	+30.8
Identix	7.02	+1.57	+28.8
VSE Cp	33.24	+7.30	+28.1
MTM Tech	2.15	+.34	+18.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Valentis	2.36	-4.29	-64.5
StaarSur	3.10	-1.93	-38.4
Mindspeed	2.04	-.85	-29.4
Sentigen	6.12	-1.42	-18.8
EMAK	9.60	-1.70	-15.0

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+58.84	+24.07	+4.74
+0.58	+1.29	+0.43
10136.24	1893.94	1114.80

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	22.66	+.21	-3.5
BcBilVArg	13.67	+.01	-1.3
BcoSnCH	9.77	+.08	-18.7
BkofAm s	43.59	-.09	+8.4
Barclay	39.17	+.41	+7.8
CredSuiss	32.18	+.16	-11.4
DeutschBk	72.07	+.54	-12.3
HSBC	79.17	-.29	+.4
JPMorgCh	39.68	+.30	+9.0
LloydTSB	31.59	-.02	-2.9
MitsuTkyo	8.31	+.01	+6.1
UBS AG	71.20	+.56	+4.7
US Bancrp	28.45	-.04	-3.1
Wachovia	46.96	-.16	+.8
WellsFrgo	59.32	-.02	+.7

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.75	4.75
Fed Funds close	1.75	1.75
3-month	1.68	1.68
2-year	2.60	2.47
10-year	4.09	3.98
30-year	4.87	4.77

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5558	.5517	.6004
Canadian Dollar	1.2717	1.2714	1.3534
European Euro	.8112	.8113	.8629
Japanese Yen	110.82	111.36	110.91
Mexican Peso	11.4110	11.4200	10.9695
Taiwanese Dollar	33.99	33.98	33.79

Stewart Assigned To Prison in W.Va.

NEW YORK | Martha Stewart will do her time farther from home than she had hoped, at a remote West Virginia prison where inmates sleep in bunk beds and rise at 6 a.m. to do menial labor for pennies an hour.

The millionaire celebrity homemaker said Wednesday that she has been assigned to the minimum-security women's prison at Alderson.

Stewart, convicted in March of lying about a stock sale, had asked to serve her five-month prison term in Danbury, Conn., close to her 90-year-old mother and her own home in nearby Westport. A source familiar with the government's decision, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Alderson was chosen because it was remote and less accessible to the media than Danbury or Stewart's second choice of Coleman, Fla.

Stewart, 63, must report to Alderson by Oct. 8. She was allowed to remain free while she appealed her conviction, but decided earlier this month to serve her time right away, without waiting for her appeals to run their course, in order to put the "nightmare" behind her. (AP)

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Sports

JUMPING SHIP: Expos General Manager Omar Minaya won't be making the trip from Montreal to Washington. Instead, he is scheduled to be introduced as the New York Mets' head of baseball operations on Thursday. (AP)

AP

'IT'S OVER WHEN IT'S OVER': That's what Yogi Berra, seen here sliding into second base at Griffith Stadium in 1956, might say of baseball finally returning to Washington.

At Long Last, Wait Is Over

Spurned for 33 years, D.C. gets another shot to host a baseball team

BASEBALL | The last time the nation's capital was home to the national pastime, the game was literally a riot.

Fans stormed the field with two outs in the ninth inning of the Washington Senators' farewell appearance at RFK Stadium on Sept. 30, 1971, upset over owner Bob Short's decision to move the team to Texas. The Senators were leading the New York Yankees 7-5, but the game was not finished and was declared a forfeit.

"The kids just went wild," said Charlie Brotman, the longtime Senators public address announcer. "They were tearing up the turf with their hands and putting it in their pockets, going into the dugout. There was not dissatisfaction. There was hate."

There was also the expectation that, in a few years or so, Major League Baseball would find a way to put a team back in Washington. Instead, the last three decades became an unending parade of frustration as one close call after another failed to materialize. A hopeful city turned into a jilted, jaded city. Baseball in D.C.? Ha! That'll be the day.

AP

THE LONG GOODBYE: A Senators fan leans over to shake hands with Dave Nelson during the Senators' last game at RFK Stadium. Angry fans later stormed the field.

The day arrived Wednesday, when Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig issued a statement saying the Montreal Expos are moving to Washington.

While getting baseball back to Washington has been a struggle, the reality of having baseball in D.C. wasn't always a source of joy. The original Senators, as the saying goes, were "first in war, first in peace, and last in the American League." Owner Calvin Griffith, unhappy with attendance at the old Griffith Stadium, moved the team to Minnesota after the 1960 season as part of a deal that gave Washington an expansion team.

The new Senators weren't much better. Attendance sagged at RFK Stadium, which opened for baseball in 1962.

Short moved the team to Texas, where it became the Rangers, and the District has been teased regularly ever since. The San Diego Padres were so close to moving in 1973 that baseball cards were printed with "Washington" in the team name.

Expansion franchises were awarded in 1976, 1991 and 1995, but the region was spurned each time. In 1976, Northern Virginia businessman William Collins had an agreement to buy and move the Houston Astros, but Houston voters narrowly approved a referendum for a new stadium to keep their team.

Wednesday, D.C.'s wait finally paid dividends. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Meet the Expos

LIVAN HERNANDEZ

The team's pitching "ace" is 11-15 this year with a 3.63 ERA.

TONY BATISTA

The former Orioles slugger leads Montreal with 32 home runs and 110 RBIs.

BRAD WILKERSON

The first baseman has enjoyed a solid year, hitting 31 home runs, driving in 64 runs and scoring 110 runs.

NICK JOHNSON

A former top prospect of the Yankees has been hampered by injuries, hitting seven home runs in 73 games.

CHAD CORDERO

The team's closer has 13 saves in 66 games. There is a reason Montreal's record is lousy.

ENDY CHAVEZ

The speedy outfielder has 32 stolen bases and is hitting .276 with 137 hits this season.

Collins Blames Warner for Va.'s Loss

Potential owner worked for decade to get team

THE LOSERS | Virginia's failure to land the Montreal Expos franchise rests with Gov. Mark Warner, according to the man who spent $7 million bankrolling the state's efforts to woo Major League Baseball.

William L. Collins III, a former telecommunications executive who has led an ownership group seeking big-league baseball in northern Virginia for the last decade, said the state had "a done deal" in place to bring the franchise to a site near Dulles International Airport, about 20 miles west of Washington.

Collins

But the deal derailed when Warner, a longtime baseball supporter who was once an investor in Collins' ownership group, balked at a financing plan that would have pledged the state's "moral obligation" to support the bonds, said Collins.

"It killed any chance we had of dealing with Major League Baseball," Collins said in an interview Wednesday.

And, in the end, D.C. beat out Northern Virginia, Norfolk, Las Vegas, Monterrey, Mexico and Portland, Ore. (AP)

COMPLETE COVERAGE

High hopes: Dave Sheinin examines how good the team will be | **washingtonpost.com/sports**

George Solomon: The late-Shirley Povich was a champion for D.C. baseball | **Today's Post, Sports**

Done deal: Thomas Heath discusses how the Expos move finally was completed | **11 a.m. at washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

QUICK REACTION: It took less than half an hour for Major League Baseball to have created a Web site for the new D.C. baseball team. On the site, www.dcbaseball.com, fans can buy souvenirs — like this hat — from the old Washington Senators.

Sports

... But Will People Root for Them?

"**I generally root** for the Cubs because I grew up in Chicago. I don't think that would disappear but I could see how, over time, having a team in D.C. could sway my allegiances."

— **Gregory Wierzynski, 26**
of Northwest D.C. The team's name, he said, should reflect the city's personality, but avoid "the Washington Lawyers."

"**I watch baseball** on occasion, but I'm really not a fan of any team and I would like to be. ... I would follow them. I'd become a fan."

— **Kenneth Sessoms, 41**
of Northeast D.C.

"**I'm a New Yorker**, so I'm a Mets fan through and through. So I would not root for them. But I think it's a good idea, anyway.

— **Leah Sager, 22**
of Northwest D.C. For the team name: "It could be like the Presidents or something. Killer Presidents. I don't know."

Former Stars Bid Adieu to the Expos

GOODBYES | Adieu, Expos.

The team's final game in Montreal on Wednesday night brought sadness and a flood of memories back for Canadians and former players, who had long ago resigned themselves to saying so long to the country's first major league team.

"I'm really hurting," said Tim Raines, the longtime Expos star now back with the team as a coach.

RYAN REMIORZ/AP

The Expos' Brad Wilkerson signs autographs before their final home game.

Hall of Famer Gary Carter, who spent 11 years in Montreal as a star catcher and three more as a broadcaster, felt the move was inevitable. But rather than dwell on the negatives, Carter preferred to bring up better times. "I'm getting flashbacks of great memories, the city, the fans, the great games up there," he said. "My finest memories are when we won the second half in 1981. That was the ultimate." (AP)

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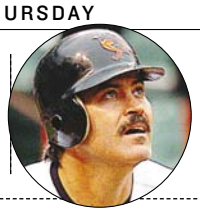

GOING, GONE: Rafael Palmeiro, who likely won't be back with Baltimore next year, hit two home runs and Miguel Tejada got a club-record 143rd RBI to lead the Orioles to a 7-6 win over Toronto. (AP)

Gibbs Defends Brunell

REDSKINS | Joe Gibbs heard the criticism of his quarterback.

So Gibbs came out firing in defense of Mark Brunell two days after Washington's 21-18 loss to Dallas. He offered him what the offensive line couldn't against the Cowboys Monday or the Giants the week before: protection.

"I think I need to say this," the Hall-of-Fame coach said. "One of the guys who made a bunch of great plays and played his heart out was our quarterback. He had a heroic game and made a ton of plays. I'm excited about the way he played and I told him so."

Brunell's numbers actually were impressive: 25-of-43 for 325 yards and two touchdowns. So was his finish, when Brunell completed six of his last eight throws for 150 yards and a touchdown and had passes of 25, 49 and 46 yards in the fourth quarter.

But that didn't silence all the critics.

Brunell, who nearly didn't play because of a hamstring injury, started slowly, missing on nine of his first 11 throws, though he was victimized by three dropped passes. He missed badly on a few other passes but, as the coaches pointed out, he also threw away passes to avoid being sacked. (AP)

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Tampa Bay	66	89	.426	30.5	39-38	27-51
Toronto	65	90	.419	31.5	38-40	27-50

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Minnesota	90	66	.577	—	47-31	43-35
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Anaheim	89	68	.567	—	45-36	44-32
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Texas	86	71	.548	3	50-29	36-42
Seattle	61	96	.389	28	37-42	24-54

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EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Atlanta	93	65	.589	—	48-31	45-33
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CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	103	54	.656	—	51-26	52-28
Chicago	88	69	.561	15	44-33	44-36
Houston	88	70	.557	15.5	44-33	44-37
Cincinnati	73	84	.462	30	39-39	34-45
Pittsburgh	70	86	.449	32.5	39-41	31-45
Milwaukee	64	92	.410	38.5	36-45	28-47

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Los Angeles	91	66	.580	—	47-29	44-37
San Francisco	88	69	.561	3	47-35	41-34
San Diego	85	72	.541	6	41-38	44-34
Colorado	67	90	.427	24	38-43	29-47
Arizona	49	109	.310	42.5	27-50	22-59

Standings through Sept. 28 games.

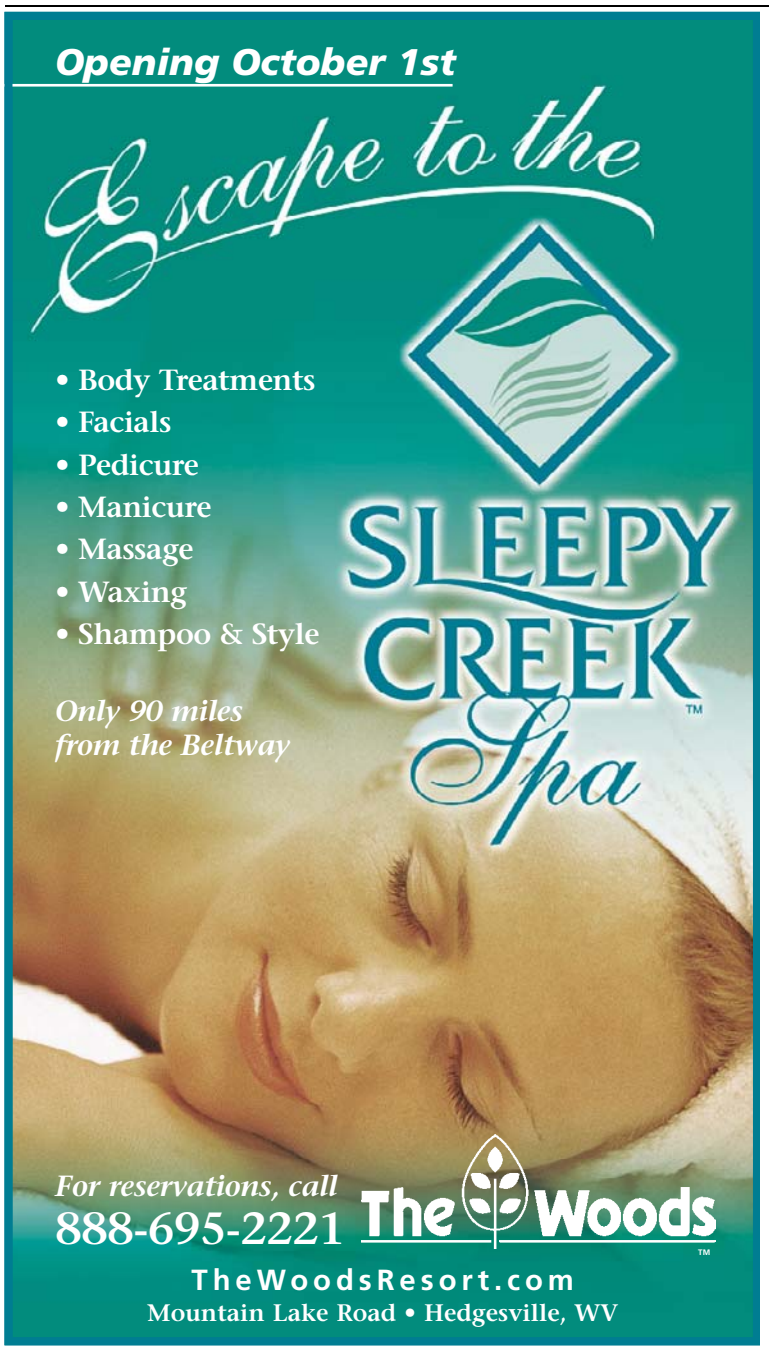
TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN) If 4-0 Navy wants to win the Commander-in-Chief's trophy for a second-straight season, it must beat Air Force (2-2) on the road.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) The Connecticut Huskies could earn their fourth win of the season when hosting Pittsburgh.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON UPN20) Matt Riley takes on former Oriole Josh Towers in Baltimore's home game against the lowly Toronto Blue Jays in the finale of a four-game series.

GOLF (9 A.M. ON ESPN) The ailing Tiger Woods is the defending champion of the American Express Championship in Ireland.



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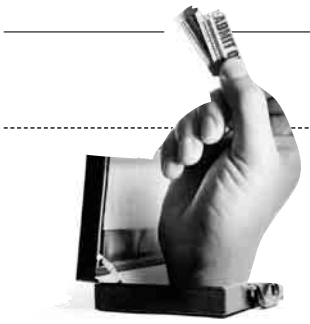

Shadows in the Dark

An F.W. Murnau film festival gives cinema masterworks new life

FILM | Fantasist, fabulist and tragedian Friedrich Wilhelm Murnau (1888-1931) was one of the great visual poets of the silent cinema. Although active for little more than a decade, he produced at least two pictures, "Nosferatu" and "Sunrise," that number among the monuments of the movies.

Of the 21 films Murnau made, 12 survive. The National Gallery of Art's October retrospective includes 10 of them, bridging work done in Berlin and Hollywood.

The program starts Saturday at 1 p.m. with "Sunrise," which repeats Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Subtitled "A Song of Two Humans," the 1927 film is a fairy tale of romantic betrayal and redemption.

By turns lyrical and melodramatic, and punctuated with moments of torment and rapture, "Sunrise" is German to the core, although it was filmed entirely in California on lavish sets that included a mist-shrouded moonlit marsh and a pulsing urban square crisscrossed with streetcars, motorcars and reckless pedestrians.

Fox had lured Murnau away from Ufa (Universum Film AG). His last film for the celluloid powerhouse of the Weimar Republic was 1926's "Faust," which plays Oct. 16 at 1 p.m.

Emil Jannings' leering Mephisto is more hammy than horrific and the liebe-conquers-all ending a bit pat, but "Faust" contains some of the director's most inspired visions, from demonic bat-wings enshrouding the globe to a howling woman whose cry echoes from village to mountaintop.

PHOTO FEST

COUNTRY MICE: George O'Brien and Janet Gaynor as the rural couple in 1927's "Sunrise," Murnau's most humanistic work.

Eventually, Murnau set out on his own. Screening Saturday at 3:30 p.m., 1931's self-financed "Tabu" is a simple, affecting tale of love and fate shot in the South Seas with local non-actors. The last film Murnau made before his death in a car accident, it was a rocky collaboration with Robert J. Flaherty that owed less to the "Nanook of the North" director's taste for quasi-documentary than to the German's penchant for exoticism.

Murnau had come a long way since 1922's "Nosferatu," an unauthorized "Dracula" adaptation that has inspired a 1979 Werner Herzog remake, the 2000 homage "Shadow of the Vampire," and that batboy that appears every so often on the cover of the Weekly World News.

It was with "Nosferatu," showing Oct. 17 at 4:30 p.m., that Murnau established himself as a master of light and shadow. The crooked, skeletal outline of Max Schreck's stalking vampire is an icon that, like much of the director's work, has lost none of its power over the years. GLENN DIXON

National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; Sat., Oct. 2 through Oct. 17, free; 202-842-6799. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

Sleepy Time: Rockabilly legend Sleepy LaBeef isn't called "The Human Jukebox" for nothing.

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Flipping Out: Carly Patterson and those medaling kids perform gymnastics without tears.

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BERTRAND GUAY

Barry Lubin clowns in character as the lovable Big Apple icon "Grandma."

Delicious: Big Apple Circus

Washington favorite Big Apple Circus is back with a cutely conceptual show. "Picturesque" uses as a springboard great works of art from Degas to Picasso, but don't worry — the usual (and some unusual) acrobats, clowns, jugglers, animals and daring stunts apply.

Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles; through Oct. 11, $15-$38; 800-922-3772.

Good Company: Debate Watch

Gather 'round the electronic campfire, boys 'n' girls, it's debate time! Watch the first go-round between George W. Bush and John F. Kerry in the company of the like-minded and the unlike-minded; there will be discussions before and after the televised debate, so bring some well-thought-out talking points. And no throwing stuff.

Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu., Sept. 30, 8:30 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Tenleytown/Van Ness-UDC)

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Here's LaBeef

Rockabilly legend Sleepy LaBeef wakes up thousands of hits

MUSIC | Most musicians who hammer out the hits of better-known artists on the small-club circuit eschew the tag "Human Jukebox."

But rockabilly lifer Sleepy LaBeef, who has an album by that title, embraces it, even transcends it.

When he hits Half Moon Bar-B-Que in Silver Spring on Friday, he'll be taking requests for the signature songs of everyone from Little Richard to Dave Dudley, Muddy Waters to Ernest Tubb.

Back in the late '70s, when Peter Guralnick profiled him for the book "Lost Highway," LaBeef claimed to know 6,000 songs. He probably knows more now.

And everything he plays, from hard-luck country to gut-bucket blues to roof-raising rock 'n' roll, reverberates with LaBeef's rumbling, resonant baritone.

Sleepy's rockabilly bona fides are sanctified. Born in 1935 near Smackover, Ark., he was raised Pentecostalist.

The music of his boyhood church and the sassy gospel sides cut by Sister Rosetta Tharpe were every bit as formative as the hillbilly boogie and rhythm and blues that had the honky-tonks honking and jook joints jumping when he started out.

An inveterate road hound who lives to play live, LaBeef is right at home in the cozy quarters of Half Moon.

When the room clears at night's end, there's just one question on everybody's lips: "When's Sleepy coming back?" GLENN DIXON

Half Moon Bar-B-Que, 8235 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; Fri., Oct. 1, 9:30 p.m.; 301-585-1290. (Silver Spring)

CHEAP DATE: Weird hippies/band-of-the-moment the Polyphonic Spree sing and play beatifically for free to inaugurate the Kennedy Center's new South Plaza Stage. Since, when the Spree isn't giving temples of art a hand, it charges real money, fans should get in line earlyish on the River Terrace. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., Oct. 1, 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600.

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Southern Comfort: Solid as Rock

The remnants of two 1970s Southern blues-rock greats play Nissan Pavilion Thursday night. The Allman Brothers Band and Little Feat get their boogie with an assist from the next generation. The Allmans have Warren Haynes and Derek Trucks; Little Feat has singer Shaun Murphy, some old-timers and founding member Bill Payne.

Nissan Pavilion at Stone Ridge, 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow, Va.; Thu., Sept. 30, 4 p.m., $11.50-$41.50; 800-551-7328.

Watch Those Claws: Kittie Bites Back

It shouldn't be so deliriously cool to hear four bitchen Canadian chicks growl, howl and yowl their way through old-fashioned what-would-Satan-do? heavy metal, but it is. Sorry, we're not as enlightened as our northern brethren. And that's only part of the reason we dig Kittie's monumental hard rock.

Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; with Otep and Crisis, Sun., Oct. 3, 6 p.m., $20: 800-551-7328.

REINHOLD SCHERER

Kittie's latest, "Until the End," reflects the band's recent personnel upheavals.

Drawing Swords: Steve Brodner

You've seen Steve Brodner's funny, perverse, telling illustrations of celebrities and politicians in the New Yorker and Esquire — his extravagantly exaggerated portraits are almost cruel but never inaccurate. Now hear the artist/political cartoonist discuss his new graphic-arts collection, "Freedom Fries," featuring his political work.

Olsson's Books and Records, 418 7th St. NW; Thu., Sept. 30, 6:30 p.m., free; 202-638-7610. (Metro Center)

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Art in Inner Space

Rock, theater, film and more crowds into Warehouse's Arts Fest

OUT & ABOUT | The Warehouse Arts Festival is, to say the least, ambitious: For 10 days, two theater companies, a performance artist, a host of films, various musical acts and a Harvard-educated author with a ton of indie-rock cred will take turns on the various stages of the Warehouse Theater.

To be frank, the venues' two-plus small storefronts — further dwarfed on 7th Street Northwest by the imposing facade of the Convention Center — look barely able to handle the task. Nonetheless, the event kicks off on Friday with three theater events, of which Scena Theatre's production of Witold Gambrowicz's perverse fairy tale "Ivona Princess of Burgundy" seems the most promising.

On Oct. 5, former Galaxie 500 drummer Damon Krukowski — who now, among other efforts, runs Exact Change, a Surrealist press in Boston — will represent the published-weirdo contingent with a reading of his prose poetry. Though Krukowski isn't scheduled to rock out, there will be plenty of tunes, most notably from ex-Arab on Radar noise-makers Chinese Stars and the recovering free-formers of IQU.

Music plays a heavy role in the Festival's films as well, with an entire night of musically minded movies, including Fugazi drummer Brendan Canty's Burn to Shine, a collection of performances from mostly local rockers shot in a-soon-to-be-demolished home just before it was burned to the ground.

As daunting as this sounds, Warehouse's Producing Director Paul Ruppert hopes his fall arts infusion will become an annual event. That is, of course, if his space can handle it. MIKE KANIN

Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; Fri., Oct. 1 through Oct. 9. Warehouse Next Door, 1017 7th St NW; Sat., Oct. 2 through Oct. 10; prices for events vary; 202-783-3933. (Mt. Vernon Square-UDC)

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SMALL WORLD: Chris Henley and Svetlana Tikhonov in Scena Theatre's "Ivona."

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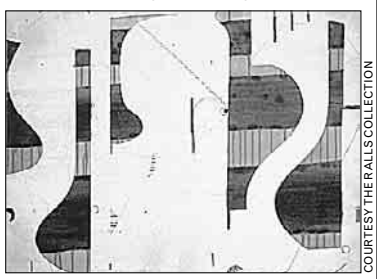

COURTESY THE RALLS COLLECTION

One of Caio Fonseca's contradictory canvases, "Pavana Lacrymae," 2004.

Abstract Thinking: Fonseca's Fancies

The Ralls Collection, D.C.'s under-the-radar fine art gallery, is putting up a two-month show of "Caio Fonseca: A Selection of Etchings." The American artist specializes in enigmatic contradiction — masculine-feminine, curvy-and-straight, opaque-and-peekabo 3-D paradoxes.

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AMY SANCETTA/AP

HIGH ANXIETY: Carly Patterson, seen during her winning floor routine in Athens, comes to MCI Center for a non-competitive, bellowing-coach-free exhibition.

Medalists Will Tumble for Ya

Without Olympic stress, gymnastics might even be fun

OUT & ABOUT | No controversial judging calls. No Russian prima donnas trying to steal the glory. Just flips, twists, shiny costumes and fun.

Members of the American men's and women's 2004 Olympic teams will present the T.J. Maxx 2004 Tour of Gymnastics Champions at the MCI Center tonight.

The exhibition features all-around gold-medal winner Carly Patterson and other members of the silver-medal-winning women's team, including Gaithersburg resident Courtney Kupets, a bronze medalist on the uneven bars.

Paul Hamm, who won the men's all-around gold medal amid controversy, is not on the tour, but several of his silver-medal-winning men's teammates will represent.

The pressure may be off (and the music on), but the athletes find daring new ways to impress. Team members perform complex routines together, sometimes on the same apparatus. The bar routines induce winces as athletes' legs swing within inches of each other. The routine where the women perform together on four balance beams? Scary.

Less conventional stuff also excites: A rhythmic gymnast, a trampolinist and a pair of Cirque du Soleil performers will twirl, bounce and fly around the arena, respectively.

The show also features a segment where Special Olympians share the spotlight. ERIN O'CONNOR

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Bathroom Humor

John Witherspoon is a comedy king — he's got the throne, anyway

COMEDY | Though he probably won't yak it up with James Lipton on "Inside The Actor's Studio" anytime soon, John Witherspoon has a knack for nabbing scene-stealing moments. The comedian begins a stint Thursday night at the DC Improv and specializes in bringing bathroom humor to riotous new heights — or depths, depending on what strikes your funny bone.

In Ice Cube's comedy hit "Friday," Witherspoon plays Cube's dog-catcher dad who dispenses wacky advice from his toilet seat while simultaneously misting loads of air freshener. His most unforgettable quips in the flick come after he exits his porcelain throne. "Don't nobody go into the bathroom for about 35, 45 minutes," he declares to grossed-out family members over the sound of flushing. "Somebody open a window."

The Detroit-bred Witherspoon also makes the most of screen time in "House Party," botching the name of notable rap act Public Enemy and wondering aloud why anyone would want a public enema. Equally hilarious is his shtick in the Eddie Murphy vehicle "Boomerang," uttering his now-renowned clothing critique, "You got to co-ordinate."

Laughs aside, Witherspoon knows of what he speaks. Before playing the camera for yuks, he was a model. CRAIG SMITH

DC Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu.-Sat., Sept. 30-Oct. 3, $25; 202-296-7008. (Farragut North)

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John Witherspoon is famous for his character turns in various comedies.

DANCE DC FESTIVAL
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Friday, October 1

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Dance Fiesta: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Dance
6:30 pm, Mexican Cultural Institute (2829 16th Street, NW)

Saturday, October 2

Learn to Salsa
10:30 am, Latin American Youth Center (1419 Columbia Road, NW)

Family Dance Workshop and Market Place
11 am-7 pm, Dance Place (3225 8th Street, NE)

The Global Village of Dancers
1 pm, National Geographic Society Grosvenor Auditorium (1600 M Street, NW)

Farakina Kan: The Sound of Africa
2 pm, National Zoological Park, Visitor Center Auditorium (3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW)

From Jitterbug to Hand Dance: An Open Invitation to Learn Hand Dance
5-10 pm, Cada Vez Restaurant (1438 U Street, NW)

Tell Me a Story: Dramatic Dance
6 pm, Kennedy Center Millennium Stage (New Hampshire Avenue and F Street, NW)

Family Fest
7 pm, Dance Place (3225 8th Street, NE)
Event is free, but tickets required. Call (202) 269-1600.

Sunday, October 3

Dance Around the Circle
1 pm, Dupont Circle (Connecticut Avenue at P Street, NW)
In the event of rain, this event will be canceled.

Step to the Beat: Experience the Cultural Heritage of West Africa through Dance, Instruments and Textiles
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RCA

SWEET HOME TENNESSEE: Kings of Leon are from Nashville, but their influences are the swamps, jails, roadhouses and brothels of Southern blues-rock history.

All Hail the Kings

Kings of Leon revive Southern rock for a less-hairy generation

MUSIC | The pieces were in place: the terrific backstory, the so-out-it's-in look, the weird name that almost makes sense. All Kings of Leon had to do was be a pretty good band to live up to the hype that Southern rock will rise again thanks to their hairy heavy lifting.

Fervent fans like to invoke the talismanic tale of Caleb, Nathan and Jared Folliwill, along with cousin Matthew, being bombarded with their dad's '70s swamp-rock collection while they tooled around the South as itinerant preachers.

It's a good story but an unnecessary one — the fact is, Kings of Leon sound exactly as if that's how they grew up even if the truth lies closer to Levittown and soccer practice.

Their debut album, "Youth and Young Manhood," is a stomping, grinding collection of relentless guitar-boogie that gurgles and stings like that last shot of Jack Daniels.

The blues-rock of their forebears is the touchstone, but so are punk and pop. Whatever the music is doing, Caleb Folliwill's masterfully mumbled vocals bubble up from the muddy depths of Southern rock history. You may not know what he's singing about, but you'll sure know he means it. (EXPRESS)

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., Oct. 1, 9:30 p.m., $12; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

Teenage Rock Riot

An unseen legend for four decades, the TAMI Show surfaces

FILM | If "The TAMI Show" is the stuff of legend, part of the reason is that legend is just about the only way it gets around.

Shot in 1964 in Southern California, Steven Binder's concert film has been in legal limbo for most of its existence. Friday's screening at the Library of Congress is a rare chance to see what the bootleg junkies have been raving about.

Plenty, really. The Teenage Awards Music International Show was an all-star extravaganza boasting inspired, exhilarating performances from Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye, the Beach Boys and other chart-toppers, as well as a teenage Teri Garr as a go-go dancer.

Taped in black-and-white and transferred to film, the movie isn't flawless. Apparently all the girls in the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium couldn't squeal shrilly enough to drown out the off-key harmonies of Jan and Dean, the cute but hapless hosts.

FILE PHOTO

The original TAMI Show poster, advertising a monumental moment in rock.

There's also too much Lesley Gore and not enough Chuck Berry.

In her defense, Ms. Gore does throw down. And virtually all the other acts bring their A-game.

But not everyone's A-game is equal.

If you're still trying to figure out why the Rolling Stones are hailed as the greatest band in rock 'n' roll and James Brown and His Famous Flames aren't, "The TAMI Show" won't make it any easier. GLENN DIXON

Library of Congress, James Madison Building, Mary Pickford Theater, 101 Independence Ave. SE; Fri., Oct. 1, 7 p.m., free; 202-707-5677. (Capitol South)

ROAD TRIP: The opening of any new show at the American Visionary Art Museum is worth a trip up I-95. On Friday, the museum debuts "Holy H2O: Liquid Universe," in which the naïve, folk and outsider artists in whom the VAM specializes explore the meaning of water. 800 Key Highway, Baltimore, Md.; opens Fri., Oct. 1, through Sept. 5, 2005; 410-244-1900.

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The Eloquent Table: Maya's Kitchen

Poet and author Maya Angelou signs and discusses her culinary memoir, "Hallelujah! The Welcome Table: A Lifetime of Memories and Recipes" for fans hungry for her wisdom, memories and spoon bread.

Karibu Book, 15624 Emerald Way, Bowie, Md.; Sat., Oct. 2, 2 p.m., free; 301-352-4110.

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From Russia With Amor: 'Anna in the Tropics'

Director Jo Bonney stages Nilo Cruz's "Anna in the Tropics," about Cuban cigar workers whose lives transform under the spell of "Anna Karenina." The play won Cruz a Pulitzer Prize and is the jewel in Arena Stage's glittering seasonal crown.

Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. NW; opens Fri., Oct. 1, through Nov. 16; $25-$59;202-488-3300.

Sweet Emotion: Killers Jerk Your Chain

Love the Killers' album? Sick to death of that song? Then feel torn between relief and dismay to find that the Las Vegas rockers' show this Sunday night sold out in, like, 60 seconds. Relief because you are now free to sneer that they're overrated; dismay because you'll miss opener Ambulance LTD.

JELE WAGENAAR

The Killers aren't really Killers, but they are kind of mad at you. Oh, kidding.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sun., Oct. 3, 9 p.m., $12; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

Golden Globe: Moon Viewing

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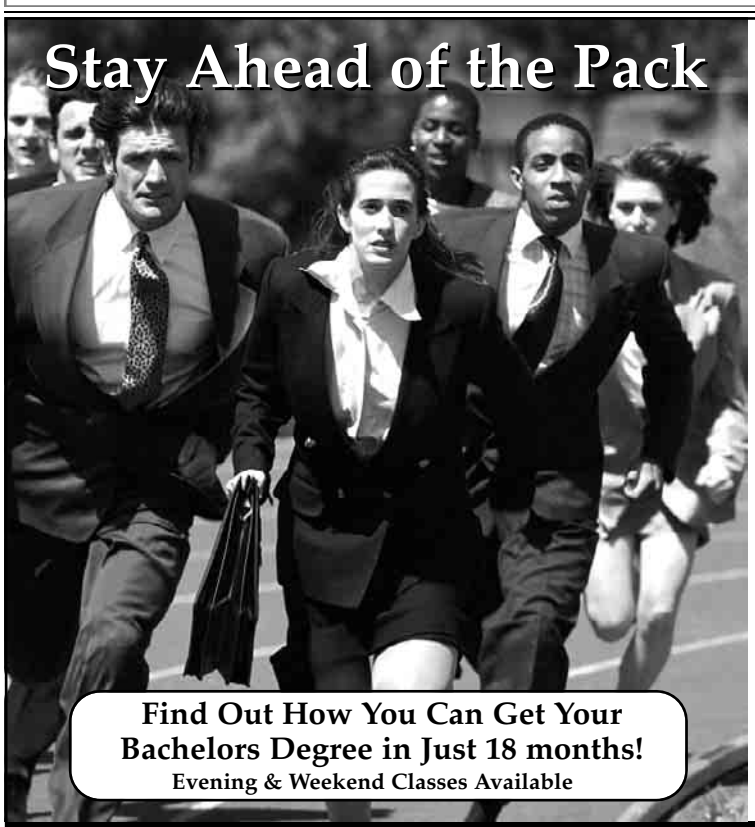

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OUT & ABOUT | Have you noticed that, even as an adult, pumpkin-carving is still hard? Year after year we still cut a fang off our vampire-pumpkin. It's not something you get better at, like drinking wine or apple cider. So we suggest this glorious fall weekend, grown-ups attend a fall festival, send the kids over to the pumpkin-carving tent and get busy doing something you're really good at. How about a double?

Fall for Fairfax

Scarecrow making, hayrides — yeah, yeah. But how many fall festivals offer a human gyroscope designed by NASA?

MICHAEL WILLIAMSON/TWP

Nothing says autumn like trying to carve a pumpkin with your bare hands.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Sat., Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., free; 703-324-3247.

Mount Vernon Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour

One of Virginia's most beautiful sites is a fine setting for a weekend of wine tasting. This annual festival also features glass-blowers and other artisans and an in-depth look at George Washington's wine making methods.

Mount Vernon, southern end of George Washington Parkway, Alexandria; Fri.-Sun., Oct. 1-3, 6-9 p.m., $25; 703-780-2000.

Claude Moore Park Fall Festival

Pony rides, a farmer's market, pumpkin painting, live music and magic spice up this annual event.

Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestals Gap Road, Sterling, Va.; Sat., Oct. 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., $5 parking; 703-444-1275.

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival

The mother of all crafts fairs, Sugarloaf comes to the metro area twice a year with acres of entertainment, instruction and shopping opportunities. Watch craftsmen forge iron, cane chairs and make paper; buy glassware, jewelry or pottery; listen to bands and stock up at the festival-within-a-festival, the Festival of Food.

Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, Md.; Fri.-Sun., Oct. 1-3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., $7, children under 12 free; 800-210-9900.

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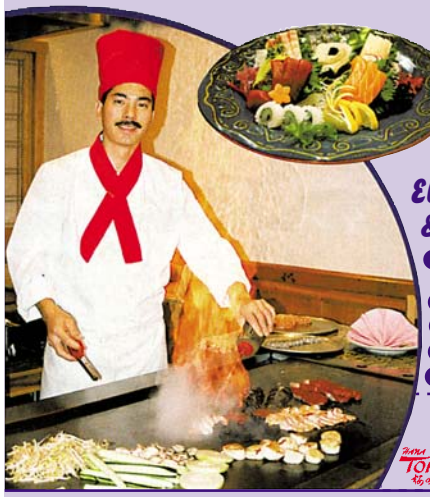

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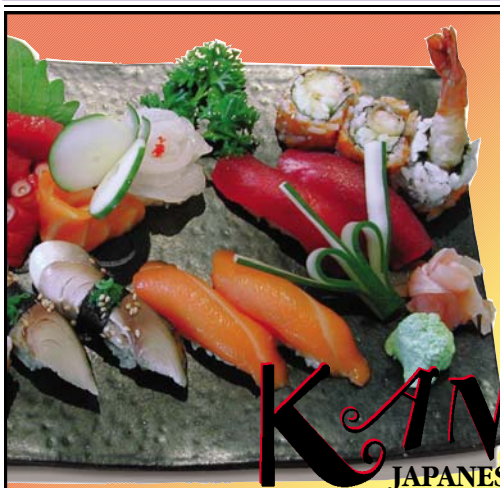

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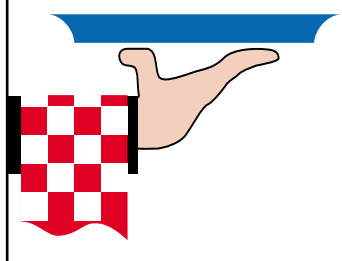

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LIVE ONLINE

Ask Tom

Washington Post Sunday Magazine columnist **TOM SIETSEMA** talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

My parents will be in town tomorrow and I'd like to take them out for some type of ethnic food they haven't tried before — and I'm pretty sure they've only tried Mexican and Chinese. Any suggestions on where I can take them for a non-intimidating introduction to the tastes of the world?

Have you been to Malaysia Kopitiam? I like the moody atmosphere and intriguing Malaysian cooking. You might also consider Ginger Cove in Penn Quarter, which features a Caribbean theme in both its interior and its menu.

Malaysia Kopitiam: 1827 M St.; 202-833-6232. (Dupont Circle)

Ginger Cove: 822 E. Street NW; 202-248-6007. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

What is "tall food"?

Stacked food. Food arranged four or more inches above the plate. "Tall food" was everywhere in the early 1990s.

What restaurants in D.C. get a lot of celebrities?

Bis, The Palm, Cafe Milano, Taberna del Alabardero (where I recently held open the door for some Peruvian bigwig and his entourage) ...

Bis: 15 E St. NW (in the Hotel George); 202-661-2700. (Union Station)

The Palm: 1225 19th St. NW; 202-293-9091. (Dupont Circle)

Cafe Milano: 3251 Prospect St. NW; 202-333-6183.

Taberna: 1776 I St. NW; 202-429-2200. (Farragut West)

Drinking Out | Mead

Touted as the oldest tipple known to man, mead (aka honey wine) is no longer just the stuff of Norse mythology. Over 50 meaderies are operating across the country, offering beer drinkers, wine connoisseurs and Vikings alike a taste of something sweet and different. "As more people get exposed to it, they want to try more and better mead," said Ken Schramm, author of "The Compleat Meadmaker."

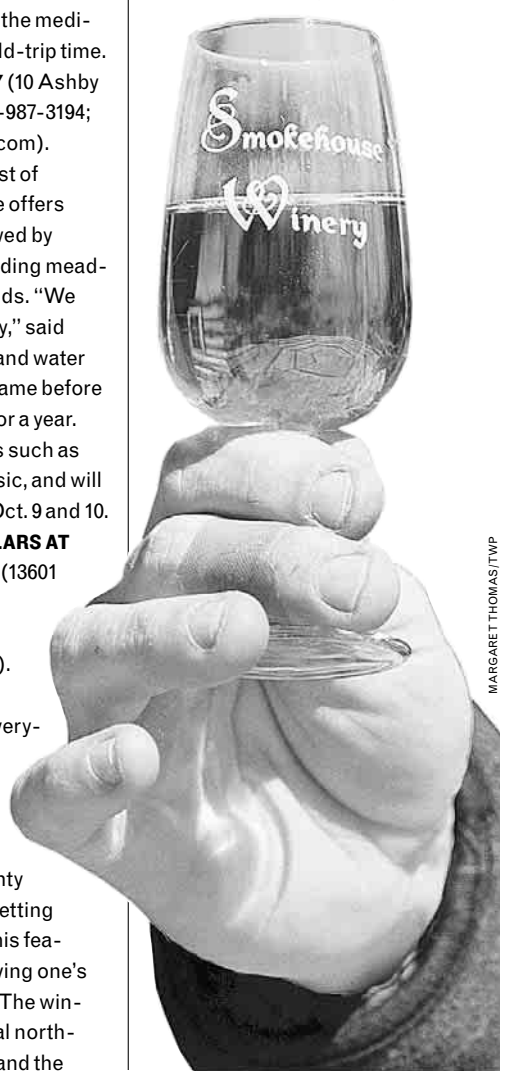
Ethiopian restaurants in the area offer Tej, a locally brewed Ethiopian-style mead, and most liquor stores carry an imported brand or two. To chug homegrown mead of the medieval variety, though, it's field-trip time.

SMOKEHOUSE WINERY (10 Ashby Road, Sperryville, Va.; 540-987-3194; www.smokehousewinery.com). Located about 70 miles west of Washington, Smokehouse offers eight different meads brewed by owner John Halberg, including mead-beer and mead-cider hybrids. "We try to do things traditionally," said Halberg, who boils honey and water over an old-school open flame before adding yeast and waiting for a year. Smokehouse offers events such as mead tastings and live music, and will host a harvest festival on Oct. 9 and 10.

LINGANORE WINECELLARS AT BERRYWINE PLANTATION (13601 Glissans Mill Road, Mt. Airy, Md.; 301-831-5889; www.linganore-wine.com). Wondering what to get the Celtic chieftain who has everything? Linganore, located about 45 miles north of the city, sells an authentic seventh-century mead glass, complete with a pointy base to prevent one from setting it down until it's empty. (This feature reduced the risk of having one's drink poisoned — handy!) The winery makes both a traditional northern European-style mead and the Ethiopian-style Tej.

MARYLAND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL (Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 24; on Crownsville Road in Crownsville, Md.; 800-296-7304; www.rennfest.com/mrf) If merely tasting mead isn't enough for you, throw on a tunic and hie ye to the faire, where drinking mead is as hot as feudalism and distressed damsels. Ren Fest is the biggest single buyer of Linganore mead in Maryland, so prepare for much carousing in the name of a romantic fascination with the past. Beowulf would be proud.

JOSHUA DAVIDOVICH (EXPRESS)



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YELLOW BRICK BANK

(201 E. German St., Shepherdstown, W. Va; 304-876-2208) — It may not be yellow (although the almost rococo painting of the trim is as fanciful as this arts-community town), but after 20 years, this slightly eclectic but not too eccentric cafe seems as solid as a bank. House-made mozzarella is a favorite, as is the house-dough pizzette. Among recent successes: Maytag blue-stuffed figs, Portuguese-style clams, Cuban-style pork and hanger steak and bluefish topped with a Provencal blanket of fennel, tomatoes, artichokes and olives. Entrees $17-$28. EVE ZIBART

RICKY CARIOTI/TWP

Wood-oven roasted bluefish, left, and House-made mozzarella, right.

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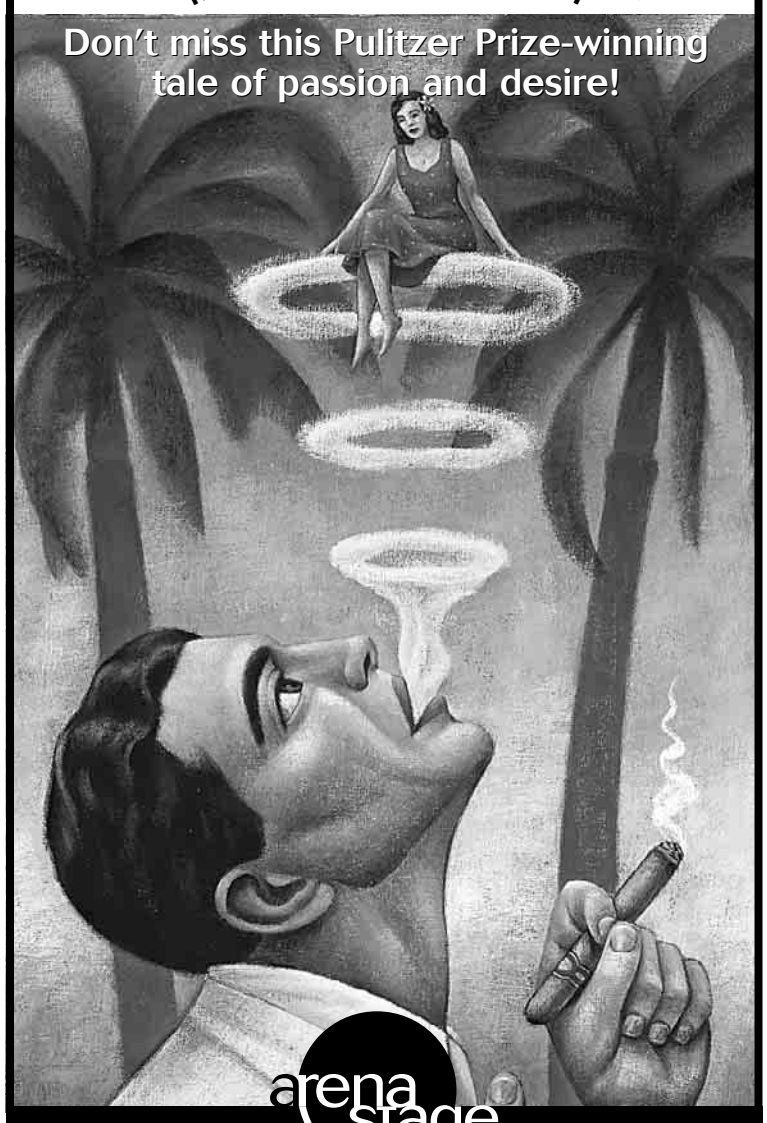

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Television

TYPHOID ROCCO: Celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirit, star of the reality series about his vanity venture, "The Restaurant," will step down as executive chef from his other restaurant, Union Pacific, which will close at the end of the year.

The Screen Factor

The first presidential debate will measure candidates' likability

ELECTION 2004 | The campaign for the Oval Office heads into the homestretch as President George W. Bush meets his Democrat challenger Sen. John Kerry in the first Presidential Debate (9 p.m., ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC), moderated by Jim Lehrer.

So what can we expect? It's Senator Kerry's job tonight to win over voters still wondering if they will be comfortable listening to his voice, looking at his face and trusting his leadership over the next four years. People have pretty much formed their opinions of President Bush.

RICK WILKING/REUTERS

Everyone has to prep, even Jim Lehrer.

Since these events are live, possibilities abound for mistakes. In 1976, President Gerald Ford gave challenger Jimmy Carter a big break by stating that he did not believe that Poland was under Soviet domination — which of course it was.

Given the current torpor of the news media, caught between timidity and abject partisanship, it's difficult to imagine a reporter challenging a candidate's misstatement.

While it's impossible to predict how these debates will unfold, you can be certain that both candidates' statements, body language and facial tics will provide plenty of material for comedians and impressionists for years to come. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

SPRINKLES ARE A HIGHER POWER
WILL & GRACE (8:30 p.m., NBC) Grace takes her 12th step toward a donut. Molly Shannon guest stars.

JENNIE GARTH, CARDSHARP
CELEBRITY POKER SHOWDOWN (9 p.m., Bravo) Willie Garson, Jennie Garth, Richard Kind, Dave Navarro and Jerry O'Connell compete for charity.

HE'S DUMB; WE GET IT
JOEY (8 p.m., NBC) Joey (Matt LeBlanc) bluffs his way through a book club meeting.

LeBlanc

HIGH TIMES
HOOKED: ILLEGAL DRUGS AND HOW THEY GOT THAT WAY (10 p.m., History) looks at the cocaine trade.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END
TOYS (8 p.m., Fox Movie Channel) Robin Williams stars in this 1992 fantasy directed by Barry Levinson. Critic Leonard Maltin called it "an appallingly bad movie."

DELICIOUS IRONY
Is it a coincidence that the debates air on the same night as **SURVIVOR** (8 p.m., CBS) and **EXTREME MAKEOVER** (8 p.m., ABC)? On tonight's "Makeover," Tom Keifer of the '80s rock band Cinderella helps David, a special education teacher, transform himself into a rock star. Tonight's "Survivor" (8 p.m., CBS) features a rare double eviction, with both male and female tribes booting out one member. This gang can't leave fast enough. Nobody has emerged as entirely likeable. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Joey (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Presidential Debate Presidential candidates discuss issues. (S Live)				News	The Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Friends	Seinfeld	Totally Outrag.	Craziest Videos	Presidential Debate (S Live)			News		Friends
	WJLA 7	News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Extreme Makeover (N)		Presidential Debate Presidential candidates discuss issues. (S Live)				News	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (N)		Presidential Debate Presidential candidates discuss issues. (S Live)				News	(:35) Late Show
	WDCA 20	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Baltimore Orioles. From Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. (Live)						That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	Ask This Old	MotorWeek (N)	Presidential Debate (Live)			Running Mate		Find!
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		A Hot Dog Program		Presidential Debate Presidential candidates discuss issues. (Live)				Charlie Rose (N)	
	WHUT 32	Flamenco: Passion		BBC World News	MoneyWise	On Africa				BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	
	WBDC 50	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	Blue Collar TV (N)	Blue Collar TV	One Tree Hill		Will & Grace	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace	Blind Date (N)
BASIC CABLE	A&E	City Confidential		American Justice "A Soldier's Secret"		Cold Case Files				First 48		Crossing Jordan "Dead or Alive"	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter		Most Extreme: Eaters		The Planet's Funniest Animals		The Planet's Funniest Animals		Miami Animal Police		The Planet's Funniest Animals	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET.com Count	The Parkers	The Parkers	Movie				BET Nightly News	Maad Sports
	Bravo	(5:00) ★★ "A Cool, Dry Place"		The West Wing "Isaac and Ishmael"		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy		Celebrity Poker Showdown Celebrities compete for charity.				The West Wing "Isaac and Ishmael"	
	Comedy	Trigger Happy TV	Reno 911!	The Daily Show	Mad TV Bill O'Reilly.		Crank Yankers	Reno 911!	South Park	Insomniac Rio de Janeiro.		The Daily Show	Tough Crowd (N)
	Court	NYPD Blue "Top Gum"		Cops	Cops	The Investigators Gang leader.		Forensic Files	Body of Evidence	The Investigators		Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice
	Discovery	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Rebuilding a Race Car Legend		Motorcycle Girl		American Chopper "Jet Bike"		Rebuilding a Race Car Legend	
	DISCH	Trauma: Life in the ER		Chicago Hope "Ex Marks the Spot"		Gift of Life (N)		Changing Sexes: Male to Female		Berman & Berman		Gift of Life	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	"You Wish!" (2003, Fantasy) A.J. Trauth, Spencer Breslin, Lalaine.				Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Boy Meets World
	E!	101 SNL Moments		E! News (N)	It's Good to Be	101 SNL Moments		101 SNL Moments		The Soup	Fashion Police	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
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	HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Divine Design (N)	Designers'	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Painted House	Design on a Dime
	Family	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven "Life and Death"		★★★ "Casper" (1995, Fantasy) Christina Ricci, Bill Pullman, Cathy Moriarty.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club	
	History	Tech Effect	Tech Effect	Modern Marvels		The St. Valentine's Day Massacre				Hooked: Illegal Drugs		Hooked: Illegal Drugs	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★ "Don't Talk to Strangers" (1994) Shanna Reed, Terry O'Quinn.				"Torn Apart" (2004) Tia Carrere. A grieving father kidnaps a doctor's family.				The Division "Acts of Desperation"	
	MTV	One Bad Trip	One Bad Trip	One Bad Trip	Shark Tale	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	One Bad Trip	One Bad Trip	Room Raiders	Room Raiders
	NICK	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Secrets"		★ "Highlander: Endgame" (2000) Adrian Paul, Christopher Lambert.				★★ "Escape From L.A." (1996, Adventure) Kurt Russell, Stacy Keach.				★★ "Escape From Mars" (1999)	
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	V-Spot (N)
	TBS	Every-Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	★★ "The Whole Nine Yards" (2000, Comedy) (PA) Bruce Willis. (DVS)				(:10) ★★ "The Whole Nine Yards" (2000) (PA) Bruce Willis. (DVS)			
	TLC	Clean Sweep First child.		In a Fix Opposites share a home.		Overhaulin' Dad's 1970 Monte Carlo.		Tornado Alley		Eye on the Storm: Charley		Overhaulin' Dad's 1970 Monte Carlo.	
	TNT	Charmed "The Witch Is Back"		Law & Order "Barter" (DVS)		Law & Order "Gunshow"		★★★ "Crossfire Trail" (2001, Western) Tom Selleck, Mark Harmon.				★★ "Monte Walsh" (2003)	
	USA	The District "a.k.a."		JAG "Contemptuous Words"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		★ "Big Daddy" (1999) Adam Sandler. A goofy ne'er-do-well adopts an impressionable youngster.					★ Bulletproof
	VHI	A2Z Will Smith.	Maxim Hot 100		Celebrity Suckas		The Surreal Life		The Surreal Life	The Surreal Life	The Surreal Life	40 Greatest Reality Show Moments	
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)			College Football Navy at Air Force. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		
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	CSN	I, Max (N)	SportsNite	Poker Superstars Invitational		Orioles 50th	Monday Night Live			SportsNite (Live)		Football Thurs.	Best-Sports
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now	Special Debate	Presidential Debate In Coral Gables, Fla. (S Live)			Special Post-	Larry King Live From Los Angeles.	
	FNC	Special Report (Live)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live)		Presidential Debate In Coral Gables, Fla. (S Live)				Hannity & Colmes (Live)	
	MSNBC	Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Hardball (Live)				Presidential Debate In Coral Gables, Fla. (S Live)			Hardball (Live)		
MOVIES	AMC	★ "Jaws the Revenge" (1987, Adventure) Lorraine Gary. 'PG-13'				★★★ "Escape From New York" (1981, Science Fiction) Kurt Russell. 'R'				★★★ "The Terminator" (1984) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'R'			
	TCM	(5:30) ★★★ "They Drive by Night" (1940) 'NR'			Festival of Shorts	★★★ "The Train Robbers" (1973, Western) John Wayne. 'PG'				★★ "Legend of the Lost" (1957, Adventure) John Wayne. Premiere. 'NR'			
	HBO	(5:45) ★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart. 'PG-13'				Inside the NFL		★★★ "Matchstick Men" (2003) Nicolas Cage. 'PG-13'				G-String Divas	G-String Divas
	MAX	★★ Brown Sugar	★★ "Groundhog Day" (1993) Bill Murray. 'PG'			(:15) ★★★ "Animal Factory" (2000, Drama) Willem Dafoe. 'R'				★★ "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" (2003) 'R'			(:45) Hotel Erotica
	SHOW	★ Serving Sara	★★ "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. 'PG'				★★ "Die Another Day" (2002, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry. iTV. 'PG-13'					Boxing: 2003 Leija vs. Tszyu	
	TMC	(4:50) ★★ Class	★ "Car 54, Where Are You?" (1994) David Johansen.			★★★ "Diamond Men" (2000) Robert Forster. 'R'			(:45) ★★ "Body of Evidence" (1992, Mystery) Madonna. 'R'				★★★ Kissed 'R'
	STARZ!	(5:05) ★★ "Mona Lisa Smile" (2003)		(:15) ★★ "How to Deal" (2003) Mandy Moore, Trent Ford. 'PG-13'				★★ "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) Jennifer Lopez. 'PG-13'				★★ "Knockaround Guys" (2001) 'R'	
	ENCORE	(:10) ★ "The Hot Chick" (2002, Comedy) Rob Schneider. 'PG-13'				★★★ "Under Siege" (1992, Adventure) Steven Seagal. 'R'				★★ "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. 'PG'			

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FAHRENHEIT 9/11 (R) (1:00 4:00)7:10 9:50
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CELLULAR (PG–13) (DTS DIGITAL) (12:30 3:30)6:30 9:20
RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE (R) (DTS DIGITAL) (1:10 4:00)7:30 10:00
★ FIRST DAUGHTER (PG) (DTS DIGITAL) (1:00 3:50)6:50 9:40
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NAPOLEON DYNAMITE (PG) (1:20 3:30 5:40)7:50 10:00
A DIRTY SHAME (NC–17) (1:10 3:20 5:30)7:40 9:50
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THE LAST SHOT (R) (12:50 3:00 5:10)7:30 3:45

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HERO (PG–13) (2:00 5:00)8:00

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THE PRINCESS DIARIES 2: ROYAL ENGAGEMENT (G) (11:25 2:00 4:30)
★ MR. 3000 Rear Window Captioning (PG–13) 7:40 10:15
★ CELLULAR (PG–13) (11:10 1:40 4:10)6:40 9:10
★ THE FORGOTTEN (PG–13) (12:40 3:10 5:50)8:15 10:30
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★ FIRST DAUGHTER (PG) (11:20 2:10 5:00)7:50 10:20
VANITY FAIR (PG–13) (12:05 3:15)6:25
ANACONDAS: THE HUNT FOR THE BLOOD ORCHID (PG–13) 10:05
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THE BOURNE SUPREMACY (PG–13) (12:25)7:15
COLLATERAL (R) (3:35)9:45
★ MR. 3000 (PG–13) (1:15 4:15)6:45 9:15
GARDEN STATE (R) (12:55 3:45)6:35 9:25
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CELLULAR (PG–13) (1:10 3:15 5:20)7:40 9:50
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★ WHEN WILL I BE LOVED (R) (1:20 3:20 5:15)7:15 9:30
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MR. 3000 (PG–13) (1:35 3:50)6:45 9:00
THE PRINCESS DIARIES (G) (1:05 4:25)
THE COOKOUT (PG–13) 7:20 9:40
WITHOUT A PADDLE (PG–13) (12:55 3:20)6:10 8:30
COLLATERAL (R) (1:45)8:45
ANACONDAS: THE HUNT FOR THE BLOOD ORCHID (PG–13) (4:15)6:25
CELLULAR (PG–13) (1:55 4:05)6:35 9:20
SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW (PG) (2:10 4:50)7:10 9:30
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★ FIRST DAUGHTER (PG) (11:50 2:10 4:30)6:50 9:10
★ SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW (PG) (11:00 12:00 1:30 2:20 4:00 4:50)6:30 7:30 9:00 10:10
GARDEN STATE (R) (11:30 2:00 4:40)7:10 9:50
★ WIMBLEDON Rear Window Captioning (PG–13) (12:40 3:00 5:20)7:40 10:00
★ WHAT THE -----! DO WE KNOW?!(NR) (1:00 3:30)6:20 8:50
★ MR. 3000 (PG–13) (11:10 1:50 4:20)9:20
★ CELLULAR (PG–13) (12:10 3:10 5:50)8:30 10:50
HERO (PG–13) (11:40 2:30)10:40
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MARIA FULL OF GRACE (R) (12:30 5:10)10:30
THE BOURNE SUPREMACY (PG–13) (2:50)7:50
VANITY FAIR (PG–13) (12:50)6:40
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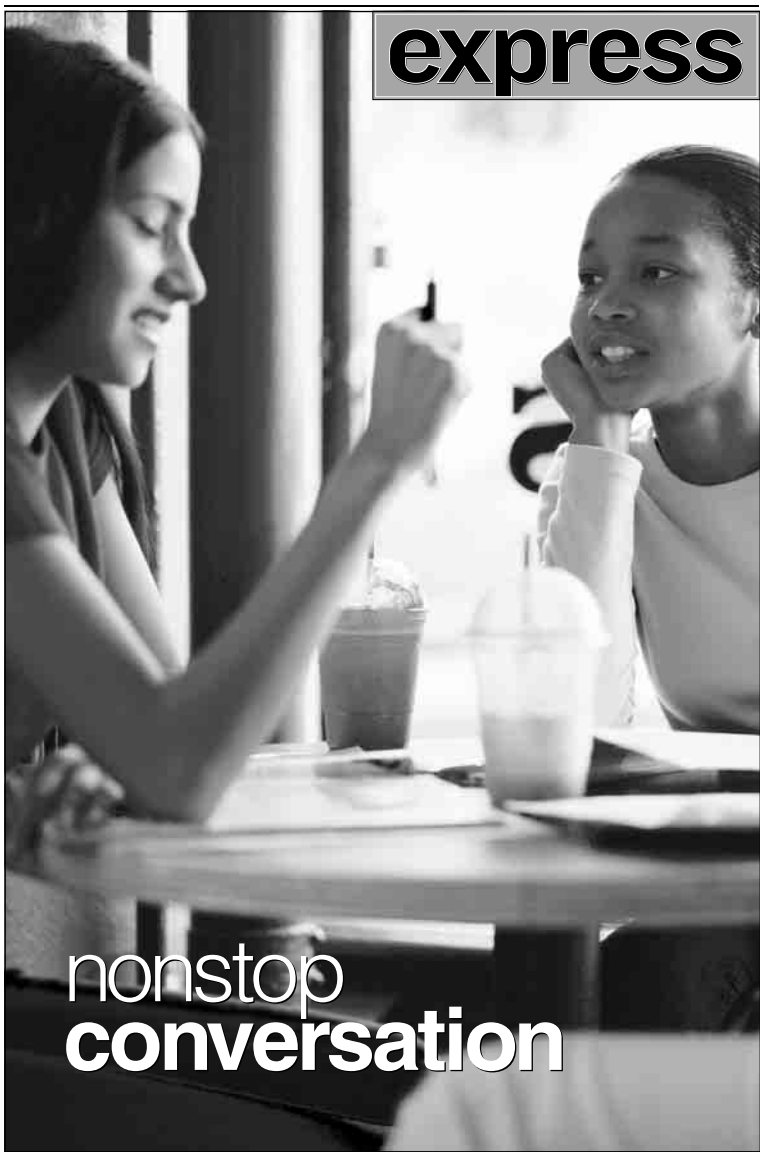

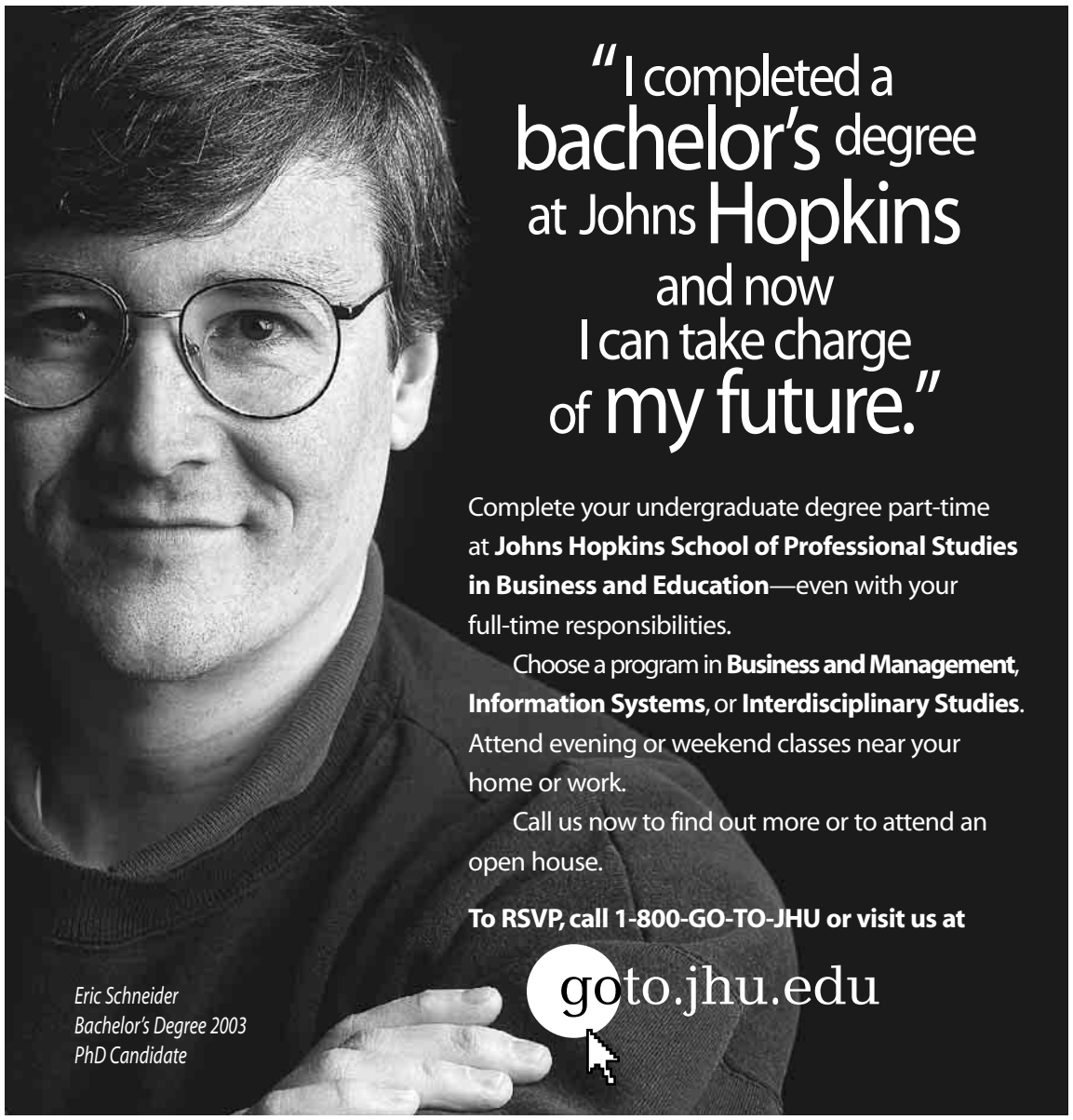

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SCALING DOWN SURROUNDINGS: Segil's big home is too crammed, he says, so he'll move into loft space.

Lifestyle

Some baby boomers are taking the boom out of their belongings

The Simple Mid-life

On a conspicuous corner of Wilshire Vista, Los Angeles, passersby slow down, stop, take a closer look, break into smiles. The house before them bursts with mad exuberance in the midst of the monotonous rows of buff and putty stuccos that line the streets.

Harry Segil lives here, for the next few weeks, at least.

"You're moving?" a bicyclist asks him, pointing to the "In Escrow" sign in the front garden. "Oh, no. The buyers won't change anything, I hope," more a plea than a statement. "We come this way every day because your house makes us so happy."

Segil, 57, hears something like this on a regular basis, he says. It just makes what he's going through — walking away from it all — harder.

L.A. TIMES

LESS IS MORE: Harris Segil finds it hard to downsize his possessions.

"Everything will go," he says.

He has decided to rid himself of the whole caboodle, except perhaps his bed, a few chairs, a table or two, a piece of art. "I'm facing the dilemma of so much of my generation," he says, noting that many post-50 baby boomers yearn to be released from the hassle of caring for large properties and lots of things.

They've had their mid-life crises: Call this mid-life opportunity. Time to unload themselves of burdens. Live unencumbered, not possessed by their possessions. Maybe live out a few unfulfilled fantasies if they feel like it: Free up their homes, free up their psyches.

Seven of these boomers turn 50 every minute. They're driving what builders and housing researchers expect to be the fastest growing trend in the housing market during the next decade — smaller homes with better amenities to lighten the load of chores. Already, the signs are evident: Condo/co-op sales have reached record highs, and the square footage of the average new home has stopped increasing.

"It's time," says Segil, who is divorced and whose two sons are grown and firmly established. "I'm committed to downsizing to a simpler way of life."

He'll be moving into an industrial open-plan loft space that will incorporate his living space and studio.

> "We hold onto possessions and tired relationships, and eventually they tie up our emotions in barbed wire."
>
> **HARRY SEGIL**
> ON MINIMIZING HIS STUFF

He goes through the nine rooms, opening cabinets and drawers to reveal 30 years of over-the-top collecting. In a word: crammed. He points it out: too much stuff.

He's doing this because he wants "new adventures and new experiences. We hold onto possessions and tired relationships, and eventually they tie up our emotions in barbed wire," he says. "But it's a helluva task to let go of them."

BARBARA KING (L.A. TIMES)

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Politics

The First Debate

The Washington Post's **DAVID VON DREHLE** discusses expectations and preparations ahead of tonight's presidential debate | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

How can you beat a guy in a debate who only has to not set his podium on fire to meet expectations? Why does simplicity equal likability?

Four years ago I tried to find out why Bush talks the way he does. As James Fallows pointed out in a really interesting Atlantic magazine piece on these debates, Bush has actually simplified his style over the past 10 years. What I was told is that he thinks mid-America voters equate fancy talk with elitism and duplicity, while associating simplicity with sincerity.

Since the president doesn't have to answer questions, do you think Bush would have been wiser to have avoided a debate? Would the voters have let him get away without one?

I don't think so. There is too much very important and very scary stuff going on for the president to be able to say, "I ain't talking."

New York Times columnist Paul Krugman writes about media preoccupation with "drama criticism" while giving little attention to "what they said, and whether it was true."

He asks that this time: Will the press check debate facts? Will the Post and other newspapers print front-page fact-checking in Friday and/or weekend editions?

We always fact-check debates. It is possible that you will have to go through the arduous labor of actually opening the paper to see the story. But we will do our best.

You've mentioned the "wow" factor in the 1992 vice presidential debate. Any chance of some "wow" Thursday night?

There is always a chance. You know, scientists reported this week that there is a vast cloud of sugar — SUGAR! — floating through space. So who's to say there is no chance of a barn-burning debate tomorrow? Honestly, though, "wow" is not really the word that leaps to mind when I think of the speaking styles of President Bush and Sen. Kerry.

➜ Today on Live Online

1 P.M.: Cindy Post Senning, director of the Emily Post Institute, discusses etiquette in today's wireless world.

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*

Letters

Know Your Reptiles

THIS IS THE SECOND time Express has printed news about a reptile in the past few months that named one reptile and had a photo of another. The Sept. 29 news of an escaped Burmese python had a picture of a reticulated python. Also, you recently printed a story about an English royalty's Herman tortoise having died and had a picture of a Galapagos tortoise. I find these mistakes unprofessional, and they do very little in educating the public.

—MARK LEDBETTER
Crofton, Md.

Unnecessary Roughness

WHEN I READ about the arrest of a pregnant woman on Metrorail, I had a mental image of a police officer pushing the woman down and jamming his knee into her back. If this is police procedure, then it needs to be changed to reflect common sense.

—DOUGLAS NELSON
McLean, Va.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Variably cloudy, shower	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny, pleasant	Afternoon thunderstorm possible	Mostly sunny, cooler	Partly sunny, shower possible late
76°	58°	76° / 62°	78° / 55°	70° / 52°	70° / 54°

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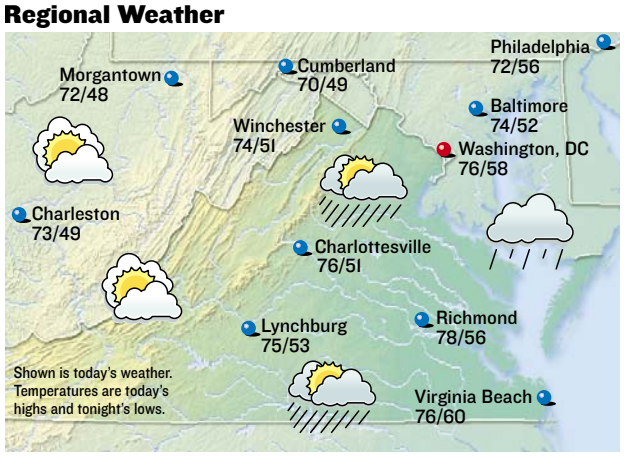

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	73°
Low	64°
Normal high	75°
Normal low	57°
Average humidity	71%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	2.23"
Month to date	3.99"
Normal month to date	3.67"
Year to date	33.20"
Last year to date	48.35"
Normal year to date	30.04"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
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Regional Forecast

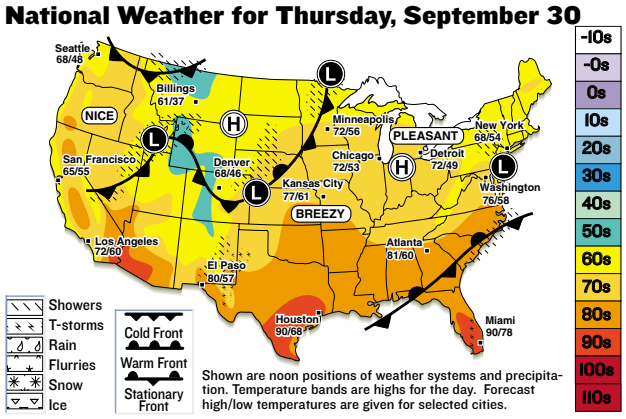
D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, shower possible. High 76. Wind west 5-10 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 58. Friday, mostly sunny. High 76.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:03 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:52 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:00 p.m.
Moonset today	9:07 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27

National Weather for Thursday, September 30



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	81/60/pc	83/64/pc
Boston	66/56/s	70/56/s
Chicago	72/53/s	74/44/pc
Dallas	86/68/s	88/61/t
Denver	68/46/t	48/33/sh
Honolulu	89/77/pc	89/76/pc
Los Angeles	72/60/pc	74/58/pc
Miami	90/78/sh	89/78/sh
New York City	68/54/sh	74/60/s
Orlando	88/72/t	90/72/t
Seattle	68/48/s	70/46/s

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	57/51/r	59/48/sh
Athens	76/60/s	77/62/s
Berlin	56/44/sh	57/42/sh
Buenos Aires	64/50/c	73/50/s
Calgary	53/20/pc	52/31/s
Dublin	61/45/sh	57/46/r
Geneva	67/53/pc	62/51/pc
Moscow	55/42/sh	57/39/c
Rome	73/56/pc	74/57/pc
Sydney	67/42/r	62/43/r
Tokyo	79/65/pc	76/68/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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People

DISORDER

'Gestures' Can't Help Those Who Don't Want to be Saved

A T-shirt using an image of an emaciated **MARY-KATE OLSEN** with protruding ribs was a "good gesture,"

its makers told an entertainment news service. Randy And Moss was ordered by Olsen's attorneys to stop making the "Save Mary-Kate" shirts. They said they planned to give 20 percent of profits to America's National Eating Disorders Association. (EXPRESS)

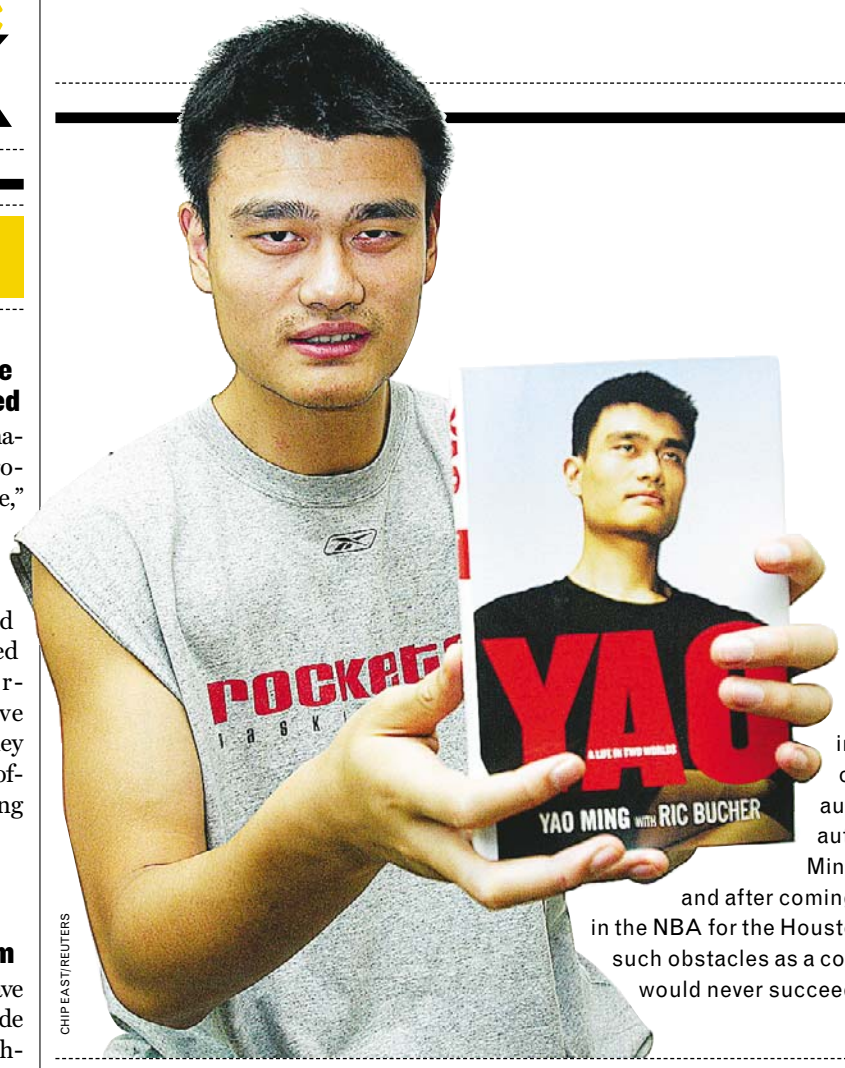
GO AWAY

Ecstatic That, for the First Time, the Joke's Not on Him

WILLIAM SHATNER and Spike TV have pranked Riverside, Iowa. Riverside considers itself the "future birthplace" of Capt. Kirk, commander of the starship USS Enterprise in the '60s "Star Trek" series. Shatner had said he was filming a low-budget, sci-fi movie titled "Invasion Iowa" and was shooting scenes in Riverside. Shatner told 800 residents on Tuesday the filming had been for a new reality show, to debut next year on Spike TV, about a town hosting a film shoot. (EXPRESS)

CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Before mocking Trekkies, he should be wary of biting the hand that feeds him.



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PROSE

The Real Ming

Basketball player **YAO MING** — shown here holding his new book during an interview in a New York hotel on Wednesday — is now an author, Reuters reported. In the autobiography, on shelves now, Ming talks about his life before and after coming to the United States to play in the NBA for the Houston Rockets and discusses such obstacles as a coach in China who told him he would never succeed. (EXPRESS)

ERIC JAMISON/AP

Tom Cruise could never look at her the way Eric Watson does — at eye level.

RICH GUYS

Finally, a Lover She Doesn't Hide Her Accent Around

Actress **NICOLE KIDMAN** is dating New Zealand multi-millionaire Eric Watson, various celebrity media are reporting. The pair met in Los Angeles, where Kidman is shooting "Bewitched," and were at the Oscar De La Hoya vs. Bernard Hopkins boxing fight in Las Vegas last week. A friend said: "It's early days, and they are both taking things very easily. ... They've been out on a few dates." (EXPRESS)

HERMITS

Solitude Now; Howard Hughes-esque Recluse Later

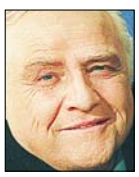
Actress **GWYNETH PALTROW** plans to build a residence in Spain to escape the paparazzi. The "Shakespeare In Love" star was given land near the city of Talverna de la Reina as a Christmas present from Jesus Lazaro Cano and Julia Luiz Blanco — a Spanish couple who took her in when she was 15 and on a school trip. Paltrow said she is sick of city

living. She told an entertainment news service: "At this point in my life, I am craving space, air, cleanliness. I want to be able to see sky. I want solitude and you just don't get that in New York." (EXPRESS)

BEQUESTS

Give the Architect An Offer He Can't Refuse

Los Angeles architect Bernard Judge has declared a 1971 contract gives him the rights to build a home on **MARLON BRANDO**'s private Polynesian island, which his family planned to turn into a luxury tourist attraction. Brando, who died on July 1, bought the Tahitian atoll of Tetiaroa and often took vacations there. His son,



Miko, said: "I think there's talk about developing half of it, because, at the end, my father wanted to develop it and have a hotel franchise take it over and develop it as a resort." (L.A. TIMES)

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The trip is all part of Madonna's evil plan to transplant her brain into Britney's body.

TOO MUCH INTEREST

Come Stay at My House and Call Me Your New Mommy

Singer **BRITNEY SPEARS** will honeymoon at **MADONNA**'s British country estate, her friends said. Spears, 22, and her husband, Kevin Federline, were invited by Madonna and her director husband, Guy Ritchie, to avoid the media by taking the trip to their $16 million Wiltshire home, a British newspaper reported. Spears' close friend said: "Madonna always keeps an eye out for Britney. She has taken a keen interest in her career." (EXPRESS)

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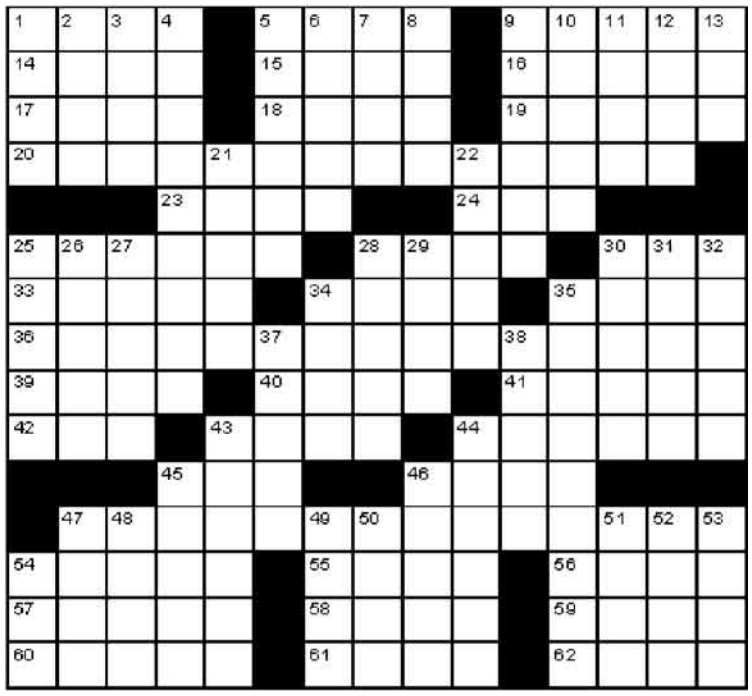
On Sept. 30, the U.S. Congress, faced with advancing British forces, fled to York, Pa.; also, in 1962, black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi.

It's a Cover-Up | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Baja dwelling
5 Go off the deep end
9 Potpourri emanation
14 ___ about (legalistic phrase)
15 Long sentence
16 Cleansing agent
17 Lady's finger
18 First name among the "Funny Girl" cast
19 Part of Ringo's set
20 Bee output?
23 Worthy of worship
24 Caterer's container
25 High-spirited
28 Spoken
30 Financial barometer (with "the")
33 Gun-toting Broadway gal
34 Some pops land here
35 Prefix with god
36 Undesired expansion
39 They just won't fly
40 Prime time?
41 Greene of "Bonanza"
42 Figure out
43 They're far from the center
44 Succumbed
45 Evian, par exemple
46 Move like molasses
47 Some party food
54 Alternative to a parry
55 Finished off a cake
56 "Not gonna happen"
57 Thread holder
58 ___ majeste
59 Butler's quarters?
60 Mild expletives
61 Setting in Haydn's "The Creation"
62 Chilly powder?

DOWN
1 Hennery
2 "Diana" singer
3 Prepare to wash, perhaps
4 Spiders, e.g.
5 At a snail's pace
6 Spock portrayer
7 Off in the distance
8 Country club membership, perhaps
9 Preposterous
10 1998 De Niro thriller
11 Face-to-face exam
12 K follower
13 Fire, so to speak
21 It has its reservations
22 What some call it
25 Kingly version of the Bible
26 Japanese cartoon style
27 Unreasonable
28 M. Night Shyamalan film
29 Fit to finish?
30 Plow innovator John
31 Gulf State resident
32 Let out
34 Robin's Marian, for one
35 Made crazy
37 Tedium
38 Tollbooth location
43 Supporters in the arts
44 Like some opportunities
45 Goad
46 Scale-tipping
47 One-time larva
48 "___ out?" (poker query)
49 River through Nubia
50 More than passed
51 Mongol ruler
52 Foreign currency
53 Grow friendly
54 Dropped drug

Yesterday's Solution

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may come to a fork in the road, and a decision will be expected of you before nightfall. Rely on your experience to see you through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're going to have to make an important choice before the day is out. Your life will be altered slightly from this time forth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're going to have to work on your methods and techniques, and you'll find someone to help you in just the way you require.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're not about to find what you're looking for without asking for detailed instructions and directions. Follow them to the letter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You've been concentrating a little too much on unpredictables and intangibles lately. It's time to get down to practical, real concerns once more.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Avoid being too possessive. You can get exactly the reaction you want from that special someone, if you'll only tone it down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The traditional is not for you; you'd chart your own course, come what may. Take care you are not being simply foolhardy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You must be part of the show; don't try to hide yourself away in the background. Someone is watching for you, and has plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're likely to warm up to someone after reacting negatively to his or her initial approach. You two can concoct something big.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're nearing a final exit of sorts, but you may still have to get rid of some excess materials before you are finally set free.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take care that a minor disagreement doesn't grow into something you cannot control. Any situation that gets out of hand can prove dangerous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can triumph simply by trusting that your affections are appreciated and reciprocated. All it takes is a little one-on-one.

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